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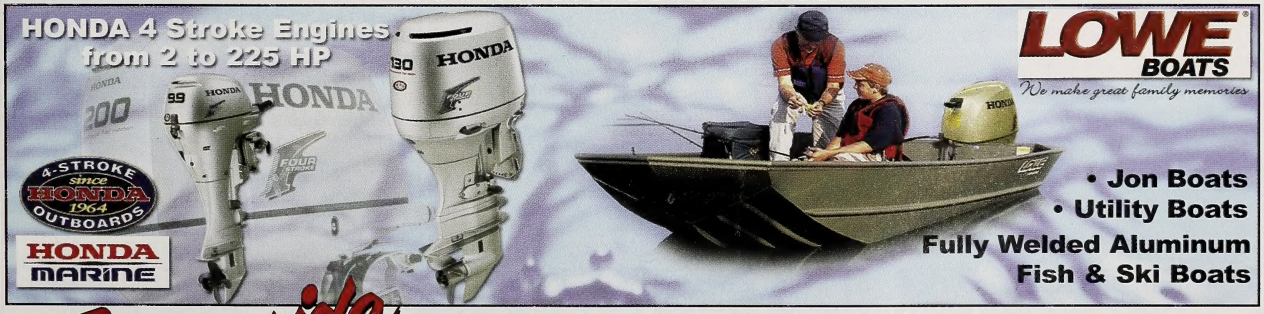
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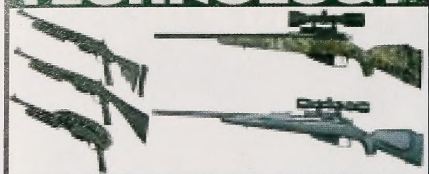

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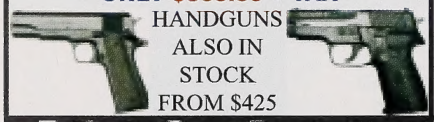

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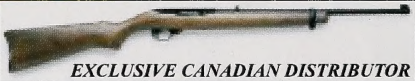

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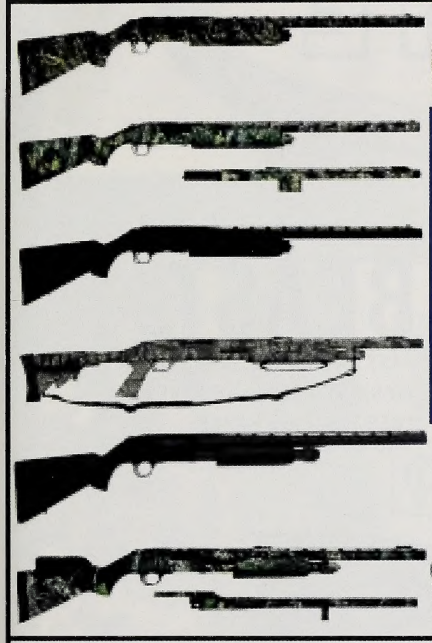

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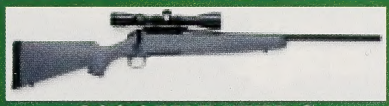

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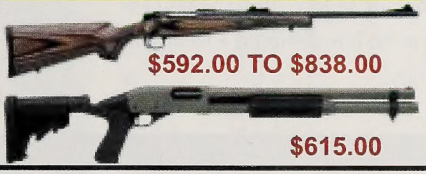

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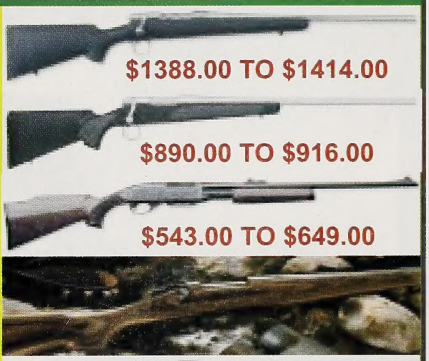

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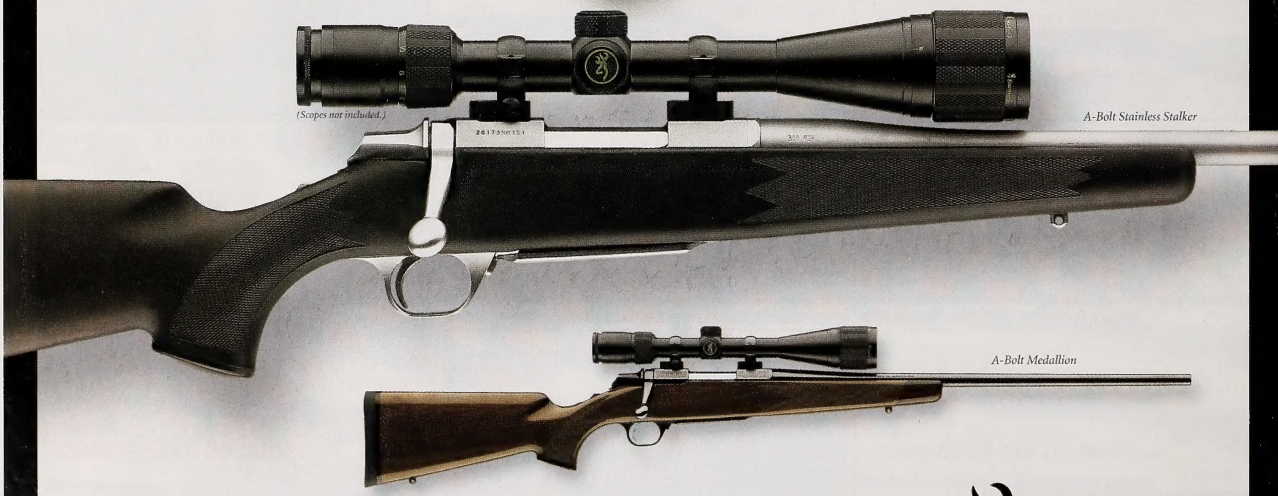

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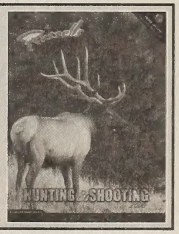

Minister's Message

Alberta has been a popular location for hunting for many, many years, at least since the days when aboriginal people pursued herds of bison across the rolling prairie.

Today, a wide range of game hunting opportunities continues to be enjoyed by about 100,000 hunters every year, and Alberta's outstanding landscapes add much to the appeal. While most of those who hunt in Alberta are residents, the odds are good for enjoying a quality hunting experience whether you come from near or far.

This year there are more options than ever, including increased hunting for moose, elk and deer. Special deer hunting opportunities are offered in three wildlife management units in southeastern Alberta, and I encourage hunters to participate to help prevent the further spread of chronic wasting disease in wild deer.

Pheasant hunting has been extended in some areas, and turkey hunting is available in more locations as well. Sunday hunting for waterfowl is also now available in the Peace River area.

I urge all hunters to be careful in the field and respectful of the land. Be sure to get permission for access where required, and become familiar with the regulations in this guide. Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful hunting experience.

Honourable David C. Coutts
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DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will help you understand this Guide:

Antlered – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

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Big Game Designated Guide – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide big game hunters in Alberta. A Designated Guide may guide not more than two Non-resident (Canadian) and non-resident alien big game hunters at a time in any part of Alberta, provided that each Non-resident (Canadian) or Non-resident alien has contracted the hunt through an Outfitter-guide. The two-hunter limit does not include Resident hunters.

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Green Area – forest lands not available for agricultural development other than grazing. In general, the Green Area is public land outside the parkland and prairie regions, or roughly in the northern half of the province and within a strip running along the Rocky Mountains and foothills.

Hunter Host – an adult resident who is the holder of a valid Hunter Host Licence. To obtain this licence, the adult must hold a valid WIN and be eligible to hold recreational hunting licences. A Hunter Host **may not provide services for gain or reward, or accept a fee for services, directly or indirectly**. The licence authorizes the holder **(usually a relative or friend of the hunters to be hosted)** to host a maximum of two non-residents (Canadian) or non-resident aliens* named on the host's licence to hunt wolf, coyote and big game throughout the province.
* Non-resident alien hunters are referred to Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21) for additional conditions and restrictions.

Non-resident (Canadian) – a person who is not a Resident (see below), but who makes his or her home and is ordinarily present in Canada and who has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date.

Non-resident Alien – a person who is neither a Resident (see below) nor a Non-resident (see above).

OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) – any motorized vehicle designed for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land, or on other natural terrain.
[Exceptions: motor boats, as well as four-wheel-drive vehicles and motorcycles registered in accordance with the *Traffic Safety Act*.] Among OHVs, include the following kinds of vehicles when they are designed for cross-country travel as described above:

- four-wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicles,
- motorcycles and related two-wheel vehicles,
- amphibious machines,
- all-terrain vehicles,
- miniature motor vehicles,
- snow vehicles,
- minibikes, or
- any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind.

Partner Licence – a licence issued to an eligible hunter that allows him or her to hunt a specific species in a specified WMU and

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season under the direct authority of a Special Licence held by another hunter successful in a draw.

Resident – a person who either
- has his or her only or primary residence in Alberta and
  1) is a Canadian citizen or is admitted to permanent residence in Canada, or
  2) has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date; or
- is on full-time service with the Armed Forces of Canada and would, if an election were held under the *Elections Act* (Canada), be eligible to vote in Alberta under that Act.

Special Licence – a licence obtained through a draw process, or for Non-resident and Non-resident Alien hunters, through an Outfitter-guide. It permits hunting of a specific type or class of game only in specific areas during a specified season (page 20).

Weapon – a firearm or any other device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, spring, air, gas, string, wire or elastic material or any combination of those things.

White Geese – snow and Ross' geese.

WMU – Wildlife Management Unit, a geographical area prescribed in legislation.

WIN – Wildlife Identification Number, a permanent registration number issued to each hunter and angler.

Month Abbreviations

The following defines the month abbreviations used in this guide:

A – August S – September O – October
N – November D – December
J – January F – February M – March
Ap – April Ma – May Ju – June

Attention

All Black Bear and Non-resident (Canadian) Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Hunters

If you purchase one of these licences for the spring season, it can be used for the following fall of the same calendar year. This applies for any of the following: Wildlife Certificate, Black Bear Licence (Resident or Non-Resident [Canadian]), Black Bear Special Licence (Non-resident [Canadian] or Non-Resident Alien), Supplemental Black Bear Licence (Resident or Non-Resident [Canadian]) or a Non-Resident (Canadian)/Non-Resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence.

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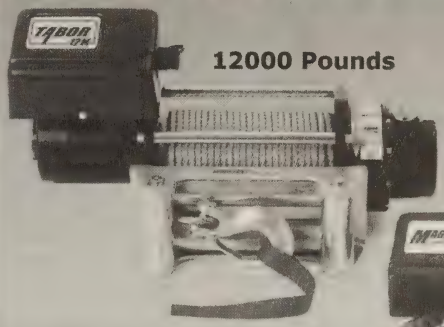

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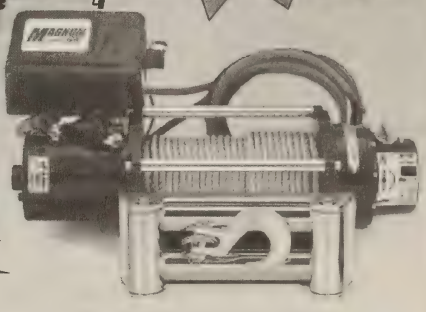

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IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2006

GENERAL

- The restriction on discharging a firearm within 50 yards of an OHV has been removed.
- Trophy Sheep must now be registered within 14 days of the kill or within 7 days of the close of the season.
- There is a mandatory requirement to turn in heads from deer harvested in WMUs 150, 151, 234, 256 and 500, within 7 days of the close of the season.
- Bobcat must now be registered.

BIG GAME

- Chronic Wasting Disease Control Areas have been set up in WMUs 150, 151, and 234 with additional hunting opportunity. (See page 61)
- Archery hunters must now participate in the draw for antlered and antlerless moose in WMU 507.
- An antlerless moose season has been created in WMUs 352 and 353.
- The late moose season in WMU 542 is now under a special draw.
- An Antlerless Elk Special Licence has been created in WMUs 352, and portions of WMUs 441 and 444.
- The antlerless elk season in WMU 338 has been split into two seasons.
- A special licence antlered and antlerless elk season has been created in WMU 151.
- An elk season was created in WMUs 221 and 506 with antlered under a general licence and antlerless under a special draw.
- The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer licence has been added to a number of WMUs with additional areas where there are two tags.
- Antlerless white-tailed deer seasons have been extended in WMUs 357, 360, 521 and 523.
- Antlered mule deer is now on a draw in WMUs 326, 328, 330, 346, 417, 429, and 537.
- The antlerless mule deer season has been extended in WMUs 359, 360, 522, 523, 526, and 527.
- An Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence has been created in WMU 537.
- A non-trophy sheep season has been created in WMU 446.
- The November non-trophy sheep season has been removed in WMU 438C.
- There have been new WMUs added to the cougar hunting areas.
- One goat hunting area has been removed and 2 areas have been added. The goat season has been extended in the Willmore area.

BIRD GAME

- A non-resident alien 6-day waterfowl licence has been created.
- Sunday hunting for waterfowl has been opened in the Peace Block.
- Non-resident alien white-fronted goose bag limits have been adjusted.
- The turkey hunting area has been expanded.
- Pheasant seasons in the prairie WMUs have been extended by two weeks.

MAPS

Maps providing information about access, topography and land ownership can be purchased at several locations throughout the province.
A hard copy wall map version of the map included in the 2005 Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations is now available to the public. Contact your local Map Dealer. Map Dealer locations are highlighted on the Map Distribution Centre external website at http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/info/maps.

Provincial and Federal Maps

Provincial and federal access and topographical maps are available from various private map dealers throughout the province.

County and Other Municipal Maps

Hunters are reminded to check with county and municipal offices for detailed maps showing land ownership status. These maps are available for a nominal fee and are useful for determining land status and ownership, which can help you obtain permission for access.

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WMU DESCRIPTIONS

The WMU boundaries shown on the enclosed map are small-scale approximations of the actual units legally described in the *Wildlife Regulation* (AR 143/97) and subsequent amendments. The map enclosed in this Guide is provided to help you identify the WMU in which you wish to hunt. **It is your responsibility to know in which WMU you are hunting and the seasons, rules and regulations that govern hunting in that WMU.** Text descriptions of the WMU boundaries may be either read at your nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office or through the Alberta Queen's Printer website (www.gov.ab.ca/qp) or purchased from The Queen's Printer at the following address:

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- Habitat Use by Pronghorn Antelope in Alberta
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- Cougar Predation Study.

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Information Centre
Edmonton 780-944-0313
E-mail: ..... srd.infocent@gov.ab.ca

Websites — http://www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fw/hunting/ or go to http://www.albertaoutdoorsmen.ca/huntingregs/

Fish and Wildlife Division
Head Office Mailing Address

Fish and Wildlife Division
Great West Life Building
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Prohibitions

Note: ***Convictions for certain offences will result in the suspension of all recreational hunting licences for a period of 1 to 3 years, and may result in a suspension for as long as 5 or more years. This is in addition to the assessment of a fine, an order and/or imprisonment.***

Loaded Firearms — *A firearm in or on a vehicle, aircraft or boat is considered loaded if it has live ammunition in the breech, chamber* **or magazine**, *unless cartridges are in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm. See Item 7 below for further information.*

General

It is unlawful to

1. carry or use another person's licence or tag or allow another person to use your licence or tag.

2. harass, injure or kill any wildlife with a vehicle, aircraft or boat.

3. hunt any wildlife with or from an aircraft, or communicate, for the purpose of hunting, the signs or whereabouts of wildlife seen during a flight on an aircraft.

4. transport dead wildlife taken by others without an accompanying bill of lading (see page 64) signed by the licence or permit holder and providing the following details:
   - the kind and number of the licence under which the wildlife was killed or possessed,
   - a description of the wildlife,
   - the points of origin and destination, and
   - the date on which the wildlife is to be transported.

5. set out, use or employ any of the following items for the purpose of **hunting any wildlife:**
   - an arrow equipped with an explosive head,
   - a firearm that is capable of firing more than one bullet during one pressure of the trigger or a firearm that can be altered to operate as such,
   - a light,
   - a shotgun of a gauge greater than 10,
   - a device designed to deaden the sound of the report of a firearm,
   - recorded wildlife calls or sounds, or an electrically operated calling device,
   - a pistol or revolver,
   - live wildlife,
   - a swivel set or spring gun, or
   - a poisonous substance or an immobilizing drug.

6. allow the edible meat of any game bird or big game animal, except cougar or bear, to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned.

7. have a loaded firearm (live ammunition in breech, chamber or magazine) in or on, or discharge a **weapon** from
   - a boat unless the boat is propelled by muscular power or is at anchor and the person is hunting, or
   - any kind of aircraft or vehicle whether it is moving or stationary.

   Note: Ammunition may be carried in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm. Contact a local police service for more information regarding federal firearms legislation.

8. discharge a **weapon** within 183 m (200 yards) or cause a projectile from a **weapon** to pass within 183 m (200 yards) of any occupied building. Owners, occupants, or persons authorized by the owner or occupant are excepted, subject to local bylaws.

9. discharge a firearm from or cause a projectile from a firearm to pass along or across:
   - a primary highway,
   - a road allowance containing a road that is paved, oiled, graded or regularly maintained, unless
     - the road is held under any active disposition under the *Public Lands Act* or under an order under the *Surface Rights Act*, or
     - the person is hunting game birds with a shotgun under the authority of a licence.

10. hunt any wildlife while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

11. hunt any wildlife **or discharge a firearm** between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. (See sunrise/sunset table on page 44).

12. alter, destroy or remove any sign or notice that has been posted under the authority of the *Wildlife Act, Petty Trespass Act* or the *Migratory Birds Regulations*.

13. hunt any wildlife or discharge any firearm on or over occupied land or enter on to such land for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant of the land (page 28).
    NOTE: There is an additional requirement affecting access for guided hunts (page 30).

14. possess a firearm of a calibre larger than .22 in a helicopter over WMUs 400-446.

15. hunt with a firearm if you are under **18** years of age and not accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or by a person 18 years of age or older who has the written permission of the parent or legal guardian. See page 52 for Canadian Firearms Centre contact information.

16. disturb traps, sets or trapping cabins.

Big Game

It is unlawful to

1. set out, use or employ any of the following items for the purpose of **hunting big game:**
   - ammunition of less than .23 calibre,
   - ammunition that contains non-expanding bullets,
   - an auto-loading firearm that has the capacity to hold more than 5 cartridges in the magazine,
   - a shotgun having a gauge of .410 or less,

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- a shotgun in a bird sanctuary,
- bait, except as permitted for the hunting of black bears (page 38),
- an arrow other than an authorized arrow (page 37),
- a bow other than an authorized bow (page 37),
- a muzzle-loading firearm of less than .44 calibre,
- a rifle or shotgun in WMUs 212, 248 or 410 (persons hunting under the authority of a Strathcona White-tailed Deer Licence, a Foothills Deer Licence, or an Antlerless Moose Special Licence in Strathcona County may hunt with a bow and arrow, cross-bow, muzzleloader or shotgun),
- a trap,
- a cross-bow and arrow that is not authorized (see page 61).

2. discharge a **weapon** at a big game animal while it is swimming.

3. discharge an arrow from a bow at big game, from, along or across a highway or road specified in Item 9 on page 16.

4. be accompanied by a dog while hunting big game or allow a dog to pursue big game except when hunting cougar under the authority of a Cougar Licence.

5. possess the carcass of a male elk, male antelope or male non-trophy sheep unless the complete skull plate, with horns or antlers intact, is also retained with the carcass until it is delivered to
   - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
   - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

6. possess the carcass of a calf moose taken under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence unless its head is also retained with the carcass until it is delivered to
   - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
   - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

7. allow the skin of any bear or cougar to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned. See exception on page 30.

8. remove the distinctive evidence of sex and species from the carcass of any big game until the carcass is delivered to
   - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
   - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

   In the case of grizzly bear and cougar, the evidence of sex must remain attached and be retained until the animal has been registered (page 36).

9. remove the tag from the carcass of a big game animal until authorized (as outlined on page 36).

10. hunt:
    - a black bear under the age of one year,
    - a female black bear accompanied by a cub under the age of one year,
    - a female cougar accompanied by a kitten with spotted fur, or
    - a cougar kitten with spotted fur.

11. transport big game hunters, except those requiring medical aid, or big game by helicopter over WMUs 400-446.

12. land or take off in a fixed-wing aircraft that is carrying big game, big game hunters or firearms of a calibre larger than .22 at or from any location in WMUs 400-446 except those locations where aircraft routinely land and take off.

13. hunt big game within 6 hours of having disembarked from an aircraft, except for a jet or turbo-propelled aircraft.

14. hunt big game on Sundays except in WMUs 350, 353, 354, 357-360, 520-528, 534-537, 540 and 544 and in the Green Area Portions of WMUs 326, 328, 347, 349, 351, 352, 355, 356, 416-437, 440-446, 503, 511-519, 529-532, 542 and 841.

Game Bird

It is unlawful to

1. hunt game birds during an open season for male pheasants within designated pheasant release sites after 2:00 p.m., except Saturdays.

2. possess, before it has been transported to the usual residence of the person who killed it, a game bird which does not bear evidence of sex and species. Evidence of sex and species consists of one completely feathered wing attached to the carcass of the game bird, except for Merriam's turkey for which evidence of sex and species consists of the complete head and beard attached to the carcass (see page 54 for tagging instructions for Merriam's turkey).

3. hunt a migratory game bird using:
   - a firearm loaded with a single bullet
   - lead shot
   - a cross-bow

4. hunt any game bird using:
   - a shotgun in which the magazine and chamber combined will hold more than three rounds of ammunition,
   - a trap, or
   - bait.

   Note: see item 12 (below) for additional restrictions for hunting Merriam's turkey.

5. have more than one shotgun, for personal use, at any time while hunting migratory game birds unless each shotgun, in excess of one, is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased.

6. hunt game birds in WMU 410 with other than a bow and arrow or falconry bird.

7. hunt game birds in WMU 212 or 248 with other than a bow and arrow, a cross-bow, shotgun or falconry bird.

8. exceed the daily or possession limit for any game bird (see game bird bag limits on page 56).

9. hunt game birds within 400 m (1/4 mi.) of a baited lure area operated under the Crop Damage Control Program.

10. transport migratory game birds belonging to others unless the carcasses are affixed with a tag showing:
    - the signature, name and address of the owner,
    - the licence number under which the bird was taken, and
    - the date the birds were taken.

11. fail to make every effort possible to immediately retrieve a migratory game bird that a person has killed or wounded. A hunter must have adequate means to retrieve any migratory bird that he or she may kill, cripple or injure.

12. hunt Merriam's turkey using:
    - a weapon other than a shotgun, cross-bow or a bow and arrow,
    - a shotgun with a bore diameter smaller than 20 gauge, or
    - shot size smaller than No. 6 shot or larger than No. 2 shot.

13. remove the tag from a Merriam's turkey until authorized (page 54).
14. hunt game birds on Sundays except
    a) in WMUs 326, 328, 347, 350-360, 416-437, 440-446, 512 and 516-544.
    b) in the Green Area portions of WMUs 349, 503, 511, 514, 515 and 841.
    c) in WMUs 728 and 730 as respects the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse and ruffed grouse, or
    d) while hunting white geese during the regular open season.

LICENSING

Licence System

IBM manages the sale of all recreational hunting and fishing licences in Alberta. Licences are sold exclusively through private licence issuers (e.g., sporting goods stores, convenience stores and gas stations) in communities throughout Alberta. Licences are not sold at Fish and Wildlife Division offices.

The automated system integrates all recreational licensing services, providing better service to hunters, anglers and licence issuers. Licence issuers print all licences and tags at point of sale. The system provides the Fish and Wildlife Division with important, up-to-date information about the hunters and anglers in the province.

To locate a licence issuer in your area of Alberta, contact the RELM (Recreational Licensing Management) Call Centre, toll-free in North America, at 1-888-944-5494, or go to the Hunting in Alberta website (see page 14).

Wildlife Identification Number (WIN)

Hunters and anglers in Alberta must possess a 10-digit Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) before applying for or purchasing any licence or wildlife certificate. The WIN can be purchased for $8.00 and is valid for five years. Once your WIN expires you can renew it at any licence issuer for $8.00 for another five years.

If you are purchasing a WIN for the first time, the licence issuer gives you a paper receipt (which includes your new number) allowing you to purchase licences immediately. Your plastic card will be mailed to you within a few weeks.

Please bring your WIN card!

Please bring your card when you purchase licences. The plastic WIN card allows the licence issuer to provide you with faster more efficient service.

Change of Address

All hunters should ensure their address and telephone number on their licence is correct. To update your mailing address, call (toll-free in North America) 1-888-944-5494, or fill out a WIN Application form at your local licence issuer. Adult Alberta residents can update online at www.albertarelm.com.

If you have any questions about the WIN or the licensing system, please contact the RELM Call Centre, toll-free in North America, at 1-888-944-5494.

What is required to be eligible to hunt in Alberta?

Hunters in Alberta should be aware of federal regulations pertaining to possession and use of firearms (page 26), and provincial regulations pertaining to licensing of hunters. There are regulations that pertain to first-time hunters, youths, residents, non-residents and non-resident aliens.

All hunters must have a Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) as a prerequisite to applying for, or purchasing any hunting licence but some additional requirements must be met for the WIN-holder to be eligible to purchase hunting licences.

A person must possess a valid Wildlife Certificate and the applicable hunting licence in order to hunt big game or game birds. The hunter must carry the licence and applicable tag(s) on his or her person while hunting. A person applying for a draw is not required to possess a Wildlife Certificate but must purchase one before purchasing any hunting licence.

Licensing requirements for first-time hunters

A first-time hunter is a hunter who 1) has not previously held a hunting licence in Alberta or elsewhere, or 2) has not passed a hunter competency test in Alberta or elsewhere, or 3) has not successfully completed a hunter education course in Alberta or elsewhere.

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Services provided by IBM

Non-resident and non-resident alien hunters (12 years of age or older) are exempt from the first-time hunter eligibility requirement if they are accompanied by a Hunter Host or a Designated Guide while hunting in Alberta.

Adult first-time hunters who have not previously held a hunting licence in Alberta or elsewhere, have an option of completing the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course, or passing the Alberta Hunter Competency exam.

Youth first-time hunters (12 to 17 years of age) have two options, depending on age. First-time hunters ***under 14 years of age*** must complete the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course. Those ***14 to 17 years of age*** have the option of completing the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course or successfully completing the Alberta Hunter Competency exam. A youth must be ***at least 12 years old*** to hunt under the authority of any hunting licence in Alberta. All hunters ***under the age of 16 years*** must have written permission from a parent or guardian to purchase hunting licences. Hunters who are ***11 years old*** may apply in the draws for licences if they meet the above criteria but they must be 12 years old anytime before or during the open season for that draw. They may not hunt until they are ***12 years old***. Youths who are ***12 or 13 years old*** may hunt game birds with any legal weapon (see game bird prohibitions, page 17), but may **ONLY HUNT BIG GAME WITH A BOW AND ARROW OR A CROSS-BOW**. To hunt with a firearm, hunters ***14 to 17 years of age*** must be accompanied by a parent, a legal guardian or by a person 18 years of age or older who has the written permission of the parent or legal guardian.

If you are interested in taking the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course, call the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association toll-free in Alberta at 1-866-852-4342, Edmonton 780-466-6682, or Calgary 403-252-8474.

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Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association

Presenting Conservation and Hunter Education to Albertans

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- **Alberta Conservation & Hunter Education**
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Regulations encourage co-operation and respect

Recreational access to agricultural leased public lands continues to be a success because of the cooperation of both leaseholders and recreational users. Regulations governing access require recreational users to contact the leaseholder before entering leased land.

You can find contacts and other information on the land by using the recreational access website and a toll-free hotline.

The leaseholder must allow reasonable foot access, but can say no if:

- access is by anything other than by foot, including off-highway vehicles;
- livestock are present in a fenced pasture or a crop has not yet been harvested. Leaseholders are expected to provide access if livestock are not affected by the visit;
- a fire ban is in effect;
- you wish to hunt in an area where livestock are nearby; or
- you wish to camp.

If there is a disagreement, a dispute resolution process is available. For more information about recreational access, please visit www.srd.gov.ab.ca/land/recaccess/ or call 1-866-279-0023.

When you visit, remember:

- pack out all litter;
- park vehicles so they do not block access to the land;
- refrain from lighting fires without consent;
- leave gates as you find them, whether opened or closed; and
- be careful not to damage the land or leaseholders' property.

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Resident Youth Hunting Licences

Subject to the age limitations and conditions above, a resident 12 to 17 years of age may purchase a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, including a Game Bird Licence, for $7.75. The holder of a valid Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate who has not yet attained the age of 18 years may also purchase a Youth White-tailed Deer Licence and a Youth Mule Deer Licence, each for $7.75. **These licences are valid during the seasons that do not require one of the Special Licences obtained through a draw**. This person may also purchase an Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence (available through a draw, see Draws for Special Licences, below) for $7.50. Partner Licences are also available to resident youths if designated by the holder of any special licence. See this page.

Where Your Money Goes

A portion of the price of each **hunting licence** is a levy established by the Alberta Conservation Association to help finance wildlife rehabilitation programs, the enhancement of other wildlife management programs and the Report A Poacher Program. Another portion goes to General Revenue and the remainder is a transaction fee that goes to IBM to finance the administration of the licensing system. This system collects valuable information about the use of our wildlife resource. The government uses this data for setting season dates, licence quotas and other regulations. For complete information on fee break down, contact Licensing and Revenue Services at (780) 427-5185.

Mobility-impaired Hunters

Eligible individuals may obtain a special permit or licence relating to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, discharging a weapon from an OHV and bow and arrow equipment. Contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14) for more information.

Mandatory Hunter Testing

A person, whose right to hold a recreational hunting licence has been suspended as a result of a conviction, is required to pass a hunter-competency test before obtaining another recreational hunting licence. This test, which differs from the test given to first-time hunters, must be taken after the beginning of the suspension period. Mandatory hunter testing is intended to increase outdoor safety, awareness, skills and efficiency and to develop responsible attitudes in the field. Dates and times for testing are available at Fish and Wildlife Division offices (page 14).

Draws for Special Licences

When demand for hunting opportunities becomes excessive, season length and bag limits are often insufficient to conserve a game resource or to ensure a quality hunting experience. In such cases, the Fish and Wildlife Division conducts lotteries or draws among eligible applicants for a limited number of special licences. Special licences allow successful applicants to hunt a specific type of game (e.g., antlerless elk) in defined areas during a specified season.

Only residents and, to a lesser extent, non-residents (Canadian) are eligible to apply in these draws. A non-refundable $3.04 (plus GST) levy is charged for each application or group of applicants (maximum of four) for the same draw. This levy goes to the Alberta Conservation Association for its Buck for Wildlife Program.

Although draws are used for specific wildlife management purposes (e.g., the goal in antlered mule deer draw areas is to develop a more balanced age structure in the herd by controlling the kill of bucks), other benefits include improved hunter success, increased opportunity to harvest a trophy animal, a more pleasant hunting experience with lower hunter densities, reduced disturbance of landowners, and a better distribution of the harvest.

Draw Application Deadline Dates — Hunters interested in special licence hunts for fall 2006 must have applied by June 22. The application period for the 2007 spring Merriam's turkey hunt is January 4 to January 29, 2007. Refer to the *2006 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for more information on how to apply for this draw.

Hunters interested in the draw seasons for 2007 should obtain the *2007 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet and apply during the month of June 2007. The booklet is mailed to draw applicants from the previous two years. For hunters who do not receive a copy in the mail, copies are available at licence issuers and your local Fish and Wildlife Division office.

Draw Results — Written notification of your draw results are sent in the mail. Beginning July 13, you may call **1-900-451-DRAW** *($0.75 for each minute)* to determine your success in the draws. All you need is a touch-tone telephone and your WIN, or you can view online at www.albertarelm.com. Results for antelope and goat draws are available August 10.

For information on the Draws for Special Licences, call 1-877-289-0999, toll-free.

Landowner Special Licence

A person who qualifies may be eligible to obtain a special licence after having been unsuccessful in some draws. Availability of Landowner Special Licences may be limited or not available at all for some species in certain WMUs. Those available will be issued to eligible persons on a first-come, first-served basis. For details on eligibility and the application process, please consult the ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws*** booklet.

Partner Licence

The following Partner Licences are available:

1. A resident holder of an **Antlerless Moose** Special Licence has the option of designating one eligible resident hunter (adult or youth) to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlerless Moose Partner Licence.

2. A resident holder of an **Antlered Moose** Special Licence has the option of designating one eligible hunter, either a resident (adult or youth) or a non-resident (Canadian) (adult or youth), to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence. To qualify for a Partner Licence in a particular WMU, the non-resident (Canadian) must have been eligible to apply for the Special Licence in that WMU.

A non-resident (Canadian) holder of an Antlered Moose Special Licence obtained through the draw process has the option of designating one eligible resident (adult or youth) hunter to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence.

3. Resident hunters successful in drawing a Special Licence in any of the other Draws may designate one eligible resident youth (12 to 17 years of age) to be a partner on their Special Licence.

Rules for all Partners – A designated partner does not need any priority to qualify for a partner licence, does not need to have applied on the draw, and the purchase of the partner licence will not affect any existing priority of the partner. The intended partner must be eligible to hold a hunting licence. Refer to pages 22-25 regarding licence combinations and restrictions. The primary licensee may designate a partner at any time until the end of the season for which the Special Licence is valid. The designated

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partner hunts under the authority of the special licence and must be in direct communication (not including the use of any electronic devices) with the primary special licence holder while hunting to ensure that both stop hunting once the tag(s) are filled. The two hunters hunt as one.
The primary licensee must carry the tag(s) issued with the special licence and must tag the animal as soon as there is a kill. The primary licensee may hunt without the partner, but not vice versa.

To Designate a Partner – The Partner Licence is available at any licence issuer. The intended partner must provide the licence issuer with the number of the Special Licence held by the primary hunter along with his or her own WIN. The Special Licence number authorizes the licensing system to issue a partner licence that is linked to the Special Licence. The intended partner may then purchase a Wildlife Certificate and the appropriate Partner Licence. If the intended partner is a non-resident, he/she must be accompanied by a licensed Hunter Host while hunting. The Partner Licence is valid for the same WMU and season as the Special Licence. No tag is issued with the Partner Licence.

Outfitting and Guiding Requirements for Non-residents (Canadian) and Non-resident Aliens

(see Definitions on pages 10 to 11).

There is no requirement for non-resident (Canadian) and non-resident alien game bird hunters to contract their **game bird** hunts through a Bird Game Outfitter-guide. However, those who do choose to hire an outfitter-guide for such a hunt must do so through the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit.

In this section, the term "accompany" or "accompanied" means that the persons involved are close enough to each other to easily facilitate verbal communications without the need for electronic devices. **It is acceptable, however, for the hunter to be placed in a stand location by the guide or hunter host, if they remain at that same location to be picked up later the same day.**

Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien hunters of **big game, wolf and coyote must be accompanied by a licensed guide or a Hunter Host.** Each of these hunters has two options:

1) he or she may contract the holder of a valid Big Game Outfitter-guide Permit, be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide, and hunt under the authority of a licence allocated to an outfitter-guide (for information on outfitter-guides, contact the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society at http://www.apos.ab.ca), **OR**
2) he or she may be hosted by a Hunter Host (see below) – usually a relative or friend – and hunt according to the following restrictions and conditions:
   - Non-resident Aliens may hunt with any Hunter Host only if they have not done so in the previous two (2) fiscal years (April 1 - March 31).
   - Non-residents (Canadian) and Non-resident Aliens are limited to certain licences as indicated in the Licence Availability sections on pages 24 to 25.
   - Non-resident Aliens hosted by Hunter Hosts may hunt big game only during seasons that do not require one of the special licences, obtained through a draw, indicated by a ■ in the season tables on pages 39 to 51 or listed under Additional Special Licence Draw Hunts on page 52.
   - A Non-resident Alien and his or her intended Hunter Host must apply at a Fish and Wildlife Division office for their licences and make a statutory declaration that he or she understands the terms and conditions of the licences (see Hunter Host Licence on this page).
   - A Non-resident Alien must not hunt bighorn sheep, cougar or trophy antelope while accompanied by a Hunter Host.
   - **Further Restrictions for Non-resident Aliens Who are Not Relatives of the Hunter Host or the Hunter Host's Spouse**
     - Relatives are defined as father, brother, son, uncle, nephew, grandfather, grandson, son-in-law, brother-in-law (and female equivalents) of the Hunter Host or spouse of the Hunter Host.
     - The Non-resident Alien and intended Hunter Host, if not related, must initiate an application at a Fish and Wildlife Division office for their licences, described above, by **August 31** of the licence year, or by the following **February 28** for the spring black bear hunt.
     - The Non-resident Alien may apply to hunt only two (2) species of big game.

A Hunter Host

- Must be an adult resident, and be eligible to hold recreational hunting licences.
- Must be the holder of a valid WIN and Hunter Host Licence (below).
- **may not provide services for gain or reward, or accept remuneration, directly or indirectly, for such services.**
- may host a maximum of two (2) hunters/year, either Non-residents (Canadian), Non-resident Aliens or a combination thereof. If hosting 2 Non-resident Aliens, at least 1 must be a relative.
- may host Non-resident Aliens only if the host has not hosted a Non-resident Alien in the previous two (2) fiscal years (April 1 to March 31).
- must report to the Fish and Wildlife Division by December 31 in the year of harvest, all hunting activities by the Non-resident Aliens he or she hosted.
- must accompany the hunter(s) named on his or her Hunter Host Licence while they are hunting big game under the authority of the Hunter Host Licence.

Hunter Host Licence

A resident who wishes to be a Hunter Host may purchase a Hunter Host Licence at any private licence issuer. You must have the WIN(s) of the non-resident(s) at the time of purchase. You **must** ensure that the hunters you host are named on your Hunter Host Licence. If you purchase your Hunter Host Licence naming one hunter and you decide to add a second hunter to your licence at a later date, you can do so at no additional charge. Return to a private licence issuer with your licence and have it amended. Once you have purchased your Hunter Host Licence, the hunters may purchase their licences.

A Hunter Host who plans to take a **non-resident alien** hunting must do the following:

1. Go to a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14) and initiate an application (including statutory declaration). Sign it and have your signature sworn. If the Non-resident Alien is not a relative, you must start this process by August 31 or February 28 as described above.
2. Have the Non-resident Alien sign the application and have his or her signature sworn. (If the Non-resident Alien does not have a WIN, have him fill out a WIN application at the same time.)
3. Take the completed application to a Fish and Wildlife Division office. The application will be reviewed for final approval and keyed into the automated licensing system.
4. When you are notified that your application is approved, go to any private licence issuer and purchase your Hunter Host Licence (see above) and the appropriate Wildlife Certificate and licences.

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Resident Licence Costs and Combinations

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NOTE: The 6% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate which costs $24.35 (or $7.75 for a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, page 20). Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

Licence	Price ($)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
White-tailed Deer	33.25	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 2 licences. A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of the last 3 licences.	A Resident Adult or Youth may obtain 4 different licences from this list of 25, but not more than 1 licence from this list for any one species.
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence	33.25		
Youth White-tailed Deer[7]	7.75		
Special Antlered White-tailed Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Mule Deer	33.25	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 2 licences. A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of the last 3 licences.	
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence	33.25		
Youth Mule Deer[7]	7.75		
Special Antlered Mule Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Elk	33.25	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences. A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 10 licences.	
WMU 300 Elk Special Licence	33.25		
Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence	33.25		
Cypress Hills Elk Archery[1]	33.25		
Antlerless Elk Special Licence	33.25		
Antlered Elk Special Licence	33.25		
Special WMU 300 Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Cypress Hills Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Antlerless Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Antlered Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Moose	33.25	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences. A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 7 licences.	
Antlerless Moose Special Licence	33.25		
Antlered Moose Special Licence	33.25		
Calf Moose Special Licence	33.25		
Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence	11.50		
Special Antlerless Moose Partner Licence	11.50		
Special Calf Moose Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Trophy Sheep	50.09	A Resident who killed a sheep, except a legal non-trophy sheep, in 2005 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Licence in 2006.	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences. A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 11 licences.
WMU 408 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
WMU 410 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
WMU 437 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
WMU 438 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
WMU 444/446 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
Special WMU 408 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special WMU 410 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special WMU 437 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special WMU 438 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special WMU 444/446 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		

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Licence	Price ($)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence	26.58	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Resident Adult may obtain 1 of each of these 13 licences (excluding the Youth licences). A Resident Youth may obtain 13 different licences from this list of 18, but not more than 1 licence from this list for any one species.
Special Non-trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence	17.50	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Antlerless White-tailed Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer[2]	18.25		
Strathcona White-tailed Deer	17.50		
Foothills Deer[3]	17.50		
Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence (issued to a youth)	18.50 (7.50)	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Antlerless Mule Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Antlerless Deer (WMUs 212 & 248)	10.00		
Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence	36.99	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Camp Wainwright Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery	18.25		
Black Bear	14.75		
Supplemental Black Bear[4]	14.75		
Cougar	50.09		
Goat Special Licence[6]	50.09	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Goat Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Antelope Archery Special Licence	50.09	None	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 3 licences. A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 6 licences.
Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence	18.25		
Trophy Antelope Special Licence	50.09		
Special Antelope Archery Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Non-trophy Antelope Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Trophy Antelope Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	8.50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Hunter Host Licence	26.50		
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint[5]	4.00		
Replacement WIN Card	4.00		

This licence is not valid during the Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence season for rifles.

This licence is only valid in the following WMUs: 200-208, 214, 216, 220-246, 250-260, 310, 312, 314, 322-357, 360, 436-446, 500-511, 514, 520, 521, 523-525, 528 and 534-544. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 234, 258, 260, 334-356, 360, 437-446, 500, 502-511, 521, 523, 542 and 544.

When hunting under the authority of this licence, valid in WMU 212 only, hunters must carry written permission to hunt from a landowner involved.

This licence is only valid in the following WMUs where 2 black bear licences may be used: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841.

A statutory declaration must be completed at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

As of 2002, drawn applicants cannot reapply in future years (once-in-a-lifetime opportunity).

These licences are valid during the seasons that do not require one of the special licences obtained through a draw.

Special Licences (listed above) are available only through draws which occurred in June of this year (except Merriam's turkey, see page 20). Please refer to the *2007 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet in June 2007 for information on how to apply in these draws next year.

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Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability

All Non-resident hunters of big game, wolf or coyote require a Big Game Designated Guide or a Hunter Host. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements page 21.

Non-residents who hunt with a Hunter Host may obtain White-tailed Deer, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Moose, Antlered Elk, Black Bear, Supplemental Black Bear, Cougar, and Wolf/Coyote Licences (see table below) from private licence issuers. Some special licences may be obtained through the draw system that will be described in the *2006 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet available in June 2006.

Non-residents contracting a hunt with a Big Game Outfitter-guide may obtain Special Licences by using an allocation, available from their outfit guide. Wolf/Coyote licences can be purchased without an allocation. Non-residents using the services of an outfitter-guide must be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide.

Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 6% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate, which costs $24.35. Hunters wishing hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

All **special** licences shown in the following table are available through a Big Game Outfitter-guide. Some are also available through the draw system

Licence	Price ($)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
White-tailed Deer	119.73	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Non-resident may obtain 4 different licences from this list of 9 but not more than 1 licence for any one species.
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence[1]	119.73		
Antlered Mule Deer	119.73	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence[1]	119.73		
Antlered Elk	132.47	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Elk Special Licence[1]	132.47		
Antlered Moose	132.47	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 3 licences.	
Antlered Moose Special Licence[1]	132.47		
Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence	43.50		
Trophy Sheep Special Licence[1,2]	311.35	A Non-resident who killed a sheep in 2005 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Special Licence in 2006.	A Non-resident may obtain 1 of ea licence from this list of 3.
Wolf/Coyote	11.50	See page 52 for dates and restrictions.	
Trophy Antelope Special Licence[3]	178.75	None	
Black Bear Licence	62.09	A Non-resident accompanied by a Hunter Host may obtain both of these licences.	A Non-resident may obtain 1 of ea licence from this list of 2. Howeve Non-residents purchasing 1 of thes two licences may not purchase a Black Bear Special Licence.
Supplemental Black Bear Licence[4]	62.09		
Black Bear Special Licence[5]	62.09	Non-residents must purchase this licence through an outfitter-guide.	Non-residents purchasing this licen may not purchase a Black Bear Licence or a Supplemental Black Bear Licence.
Cougar	132.47	Non-residents hunting with a Hunter Host.	1 licence only from this list of 2.
Cougar Special Licence	132.47	Non-residents must purchase this licence through an outfitter-guide.	
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	15.75	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint[6]	4.00		
Replacement WIN card	4.00		

1 These licences are available through the draw system or through an outfitter-guide. Please refer to the sections that deal with Non-resident (Canad Licence Availability (at the top of this page) and Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21).

Footnotes continued on next

2 Non-resident Trophy Sheep Special Licences are available through Class S Outfitter-guides or through a draw. Only 2 licences are available through a draw, and each hunter successful in the draw must be accompanied by a Hunter Host.

3 Non-resident Trophy Antelope Special Licences are available through an outfitter-guide or through a draw. Please refer to the sections that deal with Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability (page 24) and Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21).

4 This licence is valid only in the following WMUs where 2 black bear licences may be used: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841. Please see page 38 for more information.

5 These licences are valid for 2 black bears if the Outfitter-Guide's allocation is valid for a WMU where the Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid (i.e., 2-bear areas).

6 A Statutory declaration must be completed at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

Non-resident Alien Licence Availability

All Non-resident Alien hunters of big game, wolf or coyote require either a Big Game Designated Guide **or** a Hunter Host. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 21.

Non-resident Aliens who hunt with a Hunter Host may obtain Antlered White-tailed Deer, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Moose, Antlered Elk, Black Bear Special Licences and Wolf/Coyote Licences (see table below) from licence issuers. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 21 for a summary of the circumstances under which these licences may be used and the limitations that apply.

Non-resident Aliens contracting a hunt with a Big Game Outfitter-guide must obtain Special Licences by using an allocation, available from their outfitter-guide. Wolf/Coyote licences can be purchased without an allocation. Non-resident Aliens using the services of an outfitter-guide must be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide.

Non-resident Alien Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 6% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate, which costs $24.35. Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

Licence	Price ($)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence	184.18[1]	None	A Non-resident Alien may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 9.
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence	184.18[1]		
Antlered Elk Special Licence	249.27[1]		
Antlered Moose Special Licence	249.27[1]		
Black Bear Special Licence[2]	77.39[1]		
Trophy Sheep Special Licence[3]	311.35[1]	A Non-resident Alien who killed a sheep in 2005 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Special Licence in 2006.	
Cougar Special Licence[3]	249.27[1]	None	
Wolf/Coyote Licence	11.50[1]	See page 52 for wolf and coyote season dates and restrictions.	
Trophy Antelope Special Licence[3]	224.27[1]	None	
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	22.50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint[4]	4.00		

1 If purchased through an outfitter-guide, or the Alberta Professional Outfitter Society, an additional service fee is charged.

2 This licence is valid for 2 black bears where the Resident and Non-resident (Canadian) Supplemental Black Bear Licences are valid (2-bear areas).

3 Trophy Sheep, Cougar and Trophy Antelope Special Licences are available to Non-resident Aliens only through an outfitter-guide.

4 A statutory declaration must be completed at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

GAME BIRD LICENCES

In addition to a WIN and a Wildlife Certificate, Resident and Non-resident (Canadian) game bird hunters require:

- a Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge and ptarmigan;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl;
- a Merriam's Turkey Special Licence and a Game Bird Licence to hunt Merriam's turkey.
  (NOTE: Merriam's Turkey Special Licences are available only through a draw. See page 54 for more information.)

Non-resident Alien game bird hunters require a WIN card and a Wildlife Certificate and:

- an Upland Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge and ptarmigan;
- an Upland Game Bird and Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant;
- a 6-Day Waterfowl Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl.

NOTE: The 6% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.
Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate. The Wildlife Certificate costs $24.35 (or $7.75 for a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, page 19). Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit.

Licence Costs

Game Bird Licence	Price ($)		
	Resident	Non-resident (Canadian)	Non-resident Alien
Game Bird	9.96	31.01	Not Applicable
Upland Game Bird	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	107.39
6-Day Waterfowl	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	77.08
3-Day Game Bird	Not Applicable	21.75	Not Applicable
Pheasant	13.65	19.68	19.68
Merriam's Turkey Special Licence[1,2]	25.01	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Special Merriam's Turkey Partner Licence (Youth)[1]	11.50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Bowhunting Permit	8.50	15.75	22.50
WIN Renewal	8.00	8.00	8.00
Licence Reprint	2.00	2.00	2.00
Tag Reprint[3]	4.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit[4]	17.00	17.00	17.00

1 A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.

2 Available only through a draw, page 54.

3 A statutory declaration must be completed at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

4 Available at Post Offices and certain private licence issuers. See *Hunting in Alberta* website (page 14).

EXPORTING

Alberta Export Permit

All big game, game birds, and furbearing animals (except tanned skins) require a provincial export permit (**$20.00**) when they are to be conveyed beyond the borders of Alberta, except under the following conditions:

1. Hunters, who lawfully harvest game birds, coyotes, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, pronghorn antelope or black bear* under the authority of a hunting licence or a right that is protected under Canadian Constitution, may export those species without an Alberta export permit if

   - in the case of game birds, the bird has been processed as a mounted specimen, or
   - the export occurs within 30 days of the date the animal was killed or within 5 days of the close of the season, whichever occurs first, and
   - the shipment is accompanied by the hunter who killed the animal, and
   - the appropriate licence is carried by the hunter who killed the animal being exported.

   * Alberta prohibits the export of gall bladder and paws of black bear.

   You may export red meat, hide with claws attached, head or skull with teeth attached, but no other parts. See CITES Export Permit at top of next page.

2. Coyote that have been lawfully hunted by residents do not require a provincial export permit.

Note: United States migratory bird hunting regulations state that it is unlawful for a person to import into the United States migratory game birds belonging to another person. Evidence of sex and species must remain attached to the bird until the final U.S. destination is reached.

For further information on the export of wildlife contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

CITES Export Permit

Persons exporting cougar, grizzly bear or wolf to points outside Canada must obtain a federal export permit issued in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora an

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Fauna (CITES). In addition, provincial export permits must be obtained for exporting these species, except for tanned wolf skin. All black bear require CITES export permits, except for those exported by United States hunters as noted on this page. Black bears do not require the provincial export permit if they are exported as described in the Alberta Export Permit section.

U.S. Black Bear Hunters – A CITES export permit is no longer required for U.S. hunters to take their black bear hunting trophy in a fresh, frozen or salted condition, back home at the conclusion of their hunt. The trophy must be part of the accompanying baggage of the hunter who killed the animal. This exemption does not apply to taxidermized trophies. All provincial export requirements still apply (see Alberta Export Permit section) and the trophy and documentation must be presented to Customs at the border when the hunters exit. Only the following parts of black bear may be exported: red meat, the hide with claws still attached, the head or skull with teeth attached, but no other parts. Alberta prohibits the export of the gall bladder or paws of black bear. Note that the CITES permit exemption for fresh black bear trophies applies only to U.S. hunters returning home and not to other hunters. An individual must not sell or dispose of the black bear within 90 days after the date on which the CITES exemption is claimed.

Other circumstances for Black Bear: Claws of black bear may not be exported from Alberta if they are separated from the whole skin. Partial skins of black bear that are processed (tanned or otherwise permanently preserved), black bear skulls with teeth attached (when not being shipped with a hunter returning home as described above) or taxidermized black bear skins may still be exported but only under a provincial export permit with a CITES permit. An unprocessed black bear skin that is not part of a returning hunter's baggage may still be shipped but requires both provincia and CITES export permits.

SALE OF WILDLIFE

The selling, buying, bartering, soliciting or trading in wildlife or wildlife parts, or offering to do so, is regulated under the *Wildlife Act* and Regulations. Many transactions are strictly prohibited, while others are regulated. For further information, contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

FOUND DEAD WILDLIFE

When driving or walking, hunters often find dead wildlife that they would like to keep. In most cases it is unlawful to possess such wildlife or parts of wildlife without first obtaining a permit. To apply for such a permit, contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

HUNTING PRIVILEGES ON OCCUPIED, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LAND

Access to Public and Private Lands

Except under authority of a Game Bird Shooting Ground Licence, it is unlawful to directly or indirectly buy or sell, trade or barter, or offer to buy or sell access to any land for the purpose of hunting any big game, furbearing animals or game birds.

Hunting on privately owned lands without permission is a problem in Alberta. It generates anti-hunting sentiment among landowners and result in the prosecution of more than 200 hunters each year. They should leave gates as they find them, avoid damaging facilities or property, avoid disturbing livestock and establish friendly relations with landholders.

NOTE: Important changes to the *Petty Trespass Act* took effect in 2004. See page 30.

Although there is a moral obligation to pursue wounded game and a legal requirement to ensure game is retrieved and not wasted or abandoned, these obligations do not override the legal requirement to get permission to enter private land.

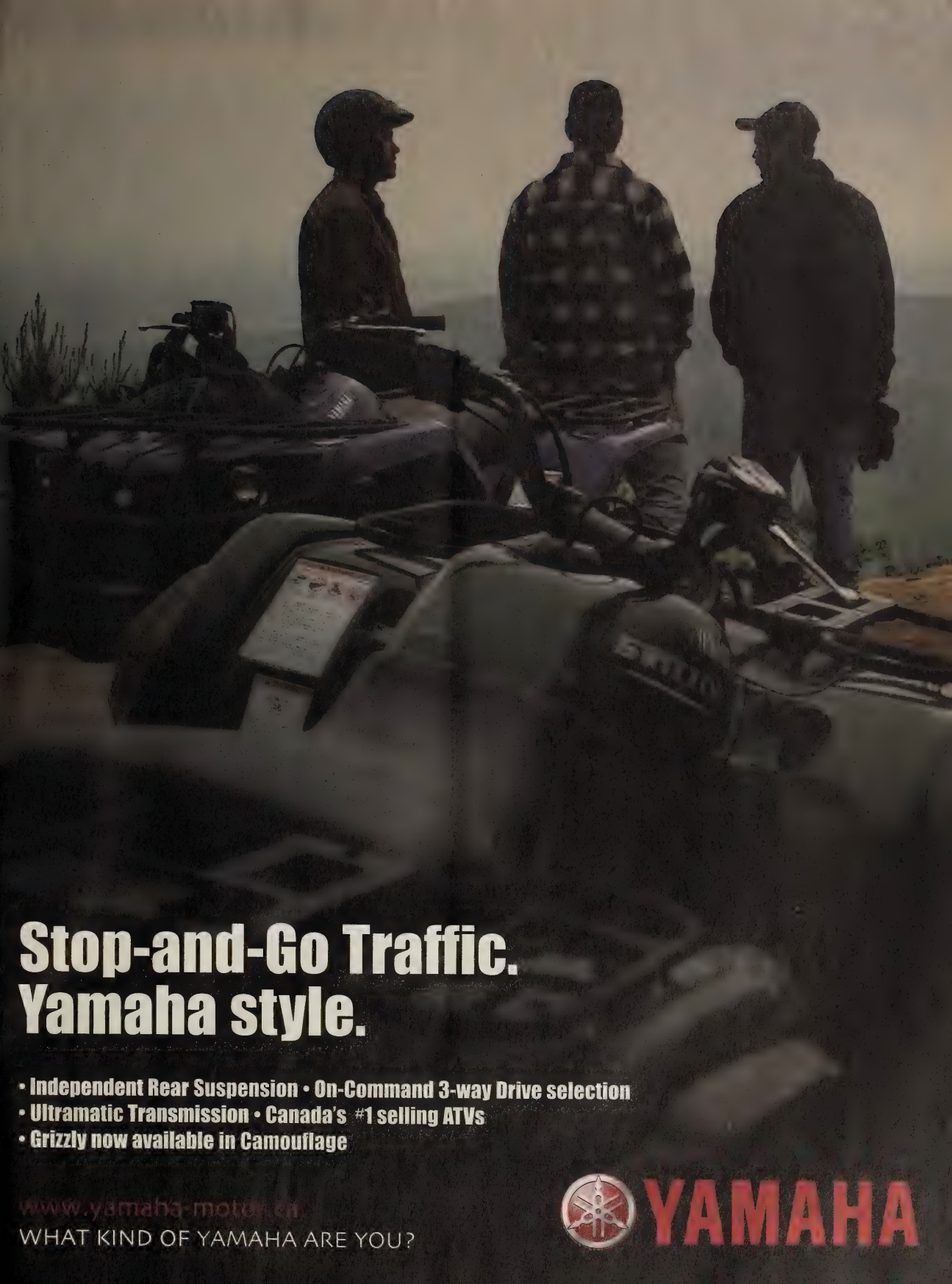
Recreational Access to Public Lands Leased for Grazing

In 2003, the Alberta Government passed new legislation clarifying the rules for recreational access on public lands leased for grazing and cultivation. While the new rules provide for "reasonable access" on foot, recreational users are required to contact the leaseholder prior to your visit. The legislation applies to approximately 5 million acres of agricultural lease land. Only a very small amount of leased agricultural land is located in the forested area of the popular foothills area of the province. Forest grazing allotments are not effected by this requirement for contact from the recreational user.

It is the recreational user's responsibility to know whether the land you wish to access is publicly or privately owned. You are required to contact the leaseholder to ensure the leaseholder has some basic information abo your visit, and you can provide reasons why access may be limited. More details about the rules and contact information are available on a new website (http://www.srd.gov.ab.ca/land/recaccess). This website provides information on the location of agricultural public lands, along with conta information. You can also call the local Public Lands and Forests Divisio office or a toll-free hotline at 1-866-279-0023 for more information.

Wildlife Act

Section 38 of the *Wildlife Act* specifies that no person shall hunt wildlife or discharge firearms on or over occupied lands, or enter onto such lands for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant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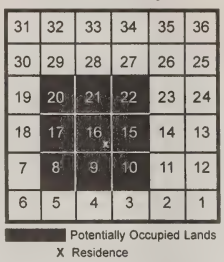
The *Wildlife Act* defines "occupied lands" as follows:

(a) privately owned lands under cultivation or enclosed by a fence of any kind and not exceeding one section in area on which the owner or occupant actually resides, and

(b) any other privately owned land that is within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the section referred to in clause (a) and that is owned or leased by the same owner or occupant.

The occupied lands described in the above legislation do not need to be posted with signs to receive protection under Section 38 of the *Wildlife Act*.

The black area in the map (right) shows an example of nine square miles of land that could contain land falling within the definition of "occupied lands."



Petty Trespass Act

Amendments to the *Petty Trespass Act* came into force June 1, 2004. While it is still possible for a landowner to prohibit entry onto his or her land by giving oral or written notice or by posting signs prohibiting entry, the amendments now set out certain kinds of property where entry is prohibited without any notice required. These lands include those privately owned lands (and leased public lands not associated with grazing or cultivation – these are addressed on page 19) that are under cultivation, fenced or enclosed by a natural boundary or enclosed in a manner that indicates the landholder's intention to keep people off the premises or animals on the premises. **Importantly, hunters or others who access those lands must have permission before entering.**

Federal Criminal Code

The **Criminal Code** (Section 41) provides that a person in peaceable possession of real property can require a trespasser to vacate the property.

Access for Guiding

A Hunter Host, Big Game Designated Guide or Bird Game Designated Guide, when guiding on any privately held land, requires permission authorizing access from the landholder for conducting those guiding services on that land. Such a guide or host is required to carry on his person the landholder's name, address (or legal land location of landholder's residence) and telephone number.

Access for Control of Livestock Predation

Black Bear and Coyote*

Any person who is (a) the owner or occupant of privately owned land, or (b) authorized to keep livestock on public land, or (c) a resident authorized by a person described in (a) or a resident authorized in writing by a person described in (b) may, without a licence, hunt (but not trap) black bear or coyote on such lands, at all times of the year.

Timber Wolf*

Any person who is (a) the owner or occupant of privately owned land, or (b) authorized to keep livestock on public land, or (c) a resident authorized by a person described in (a) or a resident authorized in writing by a person described in (b) may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) timber wolf on such lands, and on any lands within 8 km (5 mi.) of the above lands, provided he or she also has the right of access to these latter lands.

* It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of furbearing animals (includes coyote and wolf) taken in accordance with regulations authorizing control of problem wildlife. Refer to page 52 for information about seasons for coyote and wolf.

RESTRICTED AREAS

Alberta has a variety of restricted areas. Please read the following sections carefully to determine how the various designations affect hunting opportunities.

ALL HUNTING

Wildlife Sanctuaries

Sanctuaries are intended to provide secure habitat for wildlife and thus allow populations to either increase or remain at desired levels. They include areas of high quality habitat, often where populations of some wildlife species have been significantly lowered or dispersed because of disturbance at some time in the past. Sanctuary status allows these areas to realize their potential to support wildlife and to act as core areas of production for animals that will disperse to surrounding areas. It also increases the opportunities for Albertans to view wildlife.

NOTE: Privately owned lands within wildlife sanctuaries are excluded from the sanctuaries.

The following regulations apply to the specific sanctuaries listed in Parts 1 and 2 below:

Part 1 – Sheep River Wildlife Sanctuary

It is unlawful to hunt wildlife or discharge or possess a weapon within Sheep River (WMU 406) Wildlife Sanctuary. However, a person may, while crossing this sanctuary, possess a weapon that (a) is completely enclosed in a case or other suitable covering or has been taken apart, and (b) in the case of a firearm, does not contain ammunition.

Part 2 – Road Corridor Wildlife Sanctuaries

It is unlawful to hunt within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the road in a designated road corridor wildlife sanctuary (a corridor 730 m or 800 yards wide). No person shall possess a weapon in these sanctuaries unless:

(a) while crossing the sanctuary, the weapon is in a condition described in Part 1 above, or

(b) while crossing the sanctuary on horseback or on foot, the weapon, if it is a firearm, does not contain ammunition and the person is travelling in a direct route to leave the road corridor wildlife sanctuary.

There are 11 road corridor wildlife sanctuaries, shown in green on the enclosed WMU map. Eight are located in the Mountain and Foothills regions and three in the Boreal Region. Descriptions of the Road Corridor Wildlife Sanctuaries are as follows:

Mountain and Foothills

1. Highwood – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
   (a) Highway 40 between the southern boundary of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park and Secondary Road 541,
   (b) Secondary Road 541 between Highway 40 and the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve;
2. Harold Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of the road locally known as the Harold Creek Road between the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve and Secondary Road 734;
3. Eagle Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that

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In Canada's National Parks:

- Hunting is prohibited.
- Firearms are prohibited, except on major throughways and in townsites where they must be unloaded and encased or dismantled.
- Collection or removal of natural objects is prohibited (e.g. antlers, skulls).

Close to the Boundary?

- It is your responsibility to know where you are in relation to park boundaries. Not all portions are clearly marked. Unsure? Obtain appropriate maps or contact park offices.
- Encouraging wildlife to move beyond park boundaries is illegal.
- If you wound an animal and it then enters the park, DO NOT ENTER THE PARK WITH YOUR FIREARM. Call the park warden office to deal with injured wildlife.

If you wish to report wounded animals or suspicious activites, call: **1 888 WARDENS** (toll free).

Si vous chasser près des parcs nationaux Banff, Jasper, Lacs-Waterton, Elk Island ou Wood Buffalo, vous devez savoir que...

Dans les parcs nationaux du Canada :

- La chasse est interdite.
- Les armes à feu sont interdites, sauf sur les voies rapides et dans les lotissements urbains, où elles doivent être déchargées et être dans un étui ou démontées.
- Ramasser ou enlever des objets naturels est défendu (ex. bois, crânes).

Près de la périphérie?

- Il vous incombe de savoir où vous vous trouvez par rapport aux limites du parc. Certaines parties de la frontière ne sont pas clairement jalonnées. Vous avez un doute? Procurez-vous les cartes nécessaires ou communiquez avec les bureaux de parc.
- Il est illégal d'inciter les animaux sauvages à se déplacer hors des limites de parc.
- Si un animal entre dans le parc après que vous l'ayez blessé, N'ENTREZ PAS DANS LE PARC AVEC VOTRE ARME À FEU. Téléphonez au bureau des gardes pour qu'ils s'occupent de l'animal blessé.

Pour signaler des animaux blessés ou des activités suspectes, composez : **1 888 WARDENS** (sans fais).

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portion of the road locally known as the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch Road between Eagle Creek and the ranch headquarters buildings;

4. Elk Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 between Idlewilde Creek and the road locally known as the Peppers Lake Road;
5. Ram Falls – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 between the Ram River and the road locally known as the Onion Lake Road;
6. North Ram – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 that is in Township 38, Range 15, West of the 5th Meridian and north of the North Ram River;
7. Kootenay Plains – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Highway 11 between Allstones Creek and the eastern boundary of Banff National Park;
8. Highway 40/Little Smoky/Simonette – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
   (a) that portion of Highway 40 between the Berland River and the Muskeg River,
   (b) the road locally known as the Huckleberry Tower Road,
   (c) that portion of Secondary Road 734 between Highway 40 and its junction with the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Smoky Mainline,
   (d) the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Smoky Mainline in Townships 57 and 58, Ranges 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, West of the 6th Meridian,
   (e) that portion of the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Ghost Mainline in Townships 57, 58, 59 and 60, Ranges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, West of the 6th Meridian,
   (f) the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Simonette Mainline in Townships 58 and 59, Ranges 3 and 4, West of the 6th Meridian;

Boreal Region

9. Whitemud Hills – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Whitemud Hills Haul Road from Highway 35 to the western boundary of Section 14, Township 85, Range 2, West of the 6th Meridian;
10. Sulphur Lake – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Sulphur Lake Haul Road from the southeast corner of Township 88, Range 1, West of the 6th Meridian to its junction with the road locally known as the Canfor East Road in Township 89, Range 3, West of the 6th Meridian;
11. Peace River Pulp Mill/Sun Valley Ferry – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
    (a) the Peace River Pulp Road between Secondary Road 986 and the Peace River Pulp Mill in Township 85, Range 21, West of the 5th Meridian,
    (b) the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Peace River Pulp Resource Road between Secondary Road 986 and the Sun Valley Ferry crossing of the Peace River in Township 90, Range 21, West of the 5th Meridian,
    (c) that portion of Secondary Road 986 between its junctions with roads referred to in (a) and (b).

Seasonal Sanctuaries

No person shall approach within 800 metres (0.5 mile) of any of the following seasonal sanctuaries between April 15 and September 15.

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1. The island known as Pelican Island in Newell Lake in Township 17, Range 15, W4M;
2. The unnamed island in Namur Lake in Sections 35 and 36, Township 97, Range 17, W4M;
3. The unnamed island in Beaverhill Lake in Section 5, Township 52, Range 17, W4M;
4. The unnamed island in the unnamed lake in Section 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 95, Range 17, W4M;
5. The unnamed island in Scope Reservoir in LSD 2 and 3, Section 10, Township 13, Range 14, W4M;

No person shall enter the following seasonal sanctuaries between April 15 and September 15:

1. That portion of the unnamed island in Lower Therien Lake in the NW Quarter of Section 14, Township 57, Range 10, W4M;
2. That portion of Lower Therien Lake in Section 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 57, Range 10, W4M;
3. The unnamed islands in the Slave River in the SW Quarter of Section 30, Township 126, Range 10, W4M, and the SE Quarter of Section 25, Township 126, Range 11, W4M;
4. The island known as Bird Island in Buffalo Lake in Section 30, Township 40, Range 20, W4M;
5. The unnamed island in Joseph Lake in Section 12, Township 50, Range 22, W4M.

Métis Settlements

In general, only a member of a Métis Settlement Association, formed under the *Métis Settlements Act*, may hunt or trap wildlife on a Métis Settlement. Hunting by non-members may be authorized under settlement by-laws.

Natural Areas

Natural areas are special parcels of public land that are formally set aside by the Alberta Government to protect sensitive and scenic land from disturbance. Natural areas fall in the middle of the range of conservation lands in Alberta, between strictly protected lands – such as ecological reserves and provincial parks – and lands intensively developed for recreation. The main objective of natural areas management is to maintain the natural features and characteristics of the site. Development of any facilities is kept to a minimum.

Generally, hunting is permitted in most natural areas. However, there are some sites with special management or safety considerations that restrict hunting and access (e.g., Wagner Natural Area, Riverlot 56, and Sherwood Park Natural Area near Edmonton).

For information about a specific site or the Natural Areas Program, contact Parks and Protected Areas Division, Alberta Community Development at 780-427-3582 (toll free 1-866-427-3582).

Ecological Reserves

Ecological reserves contain representative or special provincial natural features. The management intent of the reserves is to allow natural processes to occur. The *Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act* prohibits hunting within ecological reserves, unless it is required for management purposes to simulate natural events. For example, hunting for big game is allowed in Upper Bob Creek Ecological Reserve, located in WMU 308, but the use of motorized vehicles is not permitted.

Alberta's Ecological Reserves Program is part of a larger international program to preserve natural ecosystems. Ecological reserves protect representative areas in each of the natural regions of Alberta for the conservation of genetic resources, to allow for the appreciation of nature, to preserve our natural heritage, and to establish ecological benchmarks and control areas for research and education.
For further information on ecological reserves, contact Alberta Parks and Protected Areas Division at 780-427-3582 (toll free 1-866-427-3582).

Heritage Rangelands

Heritage rangelands are established to preserve and protect natural heritage that is representative of Alberta's grasslands, using grazing to maintain the grassland environment. Seven heritage rangelands have been established in Alberta, with interim designation as natural areas: Black Creek, Twin River, Onefour, Tolman Badlands, Killarney-Reflex Lakes, Ribstone Creek and Beaverhill Lake heritage rangeland natural areas. These sites are open to hunting, according to the provisions in place for hunting in natural areas. Recreational vehicle use is discouraged in all of these sites, with the exception of Beaverhill Lake, where traditional snowmobile use continues to be permitted. For current information about heritage rangeland natural areas, contact the Parks and Protected Areas Division, Alberta Community Development at 780-427-3582 (toll-free 1-866-427-3582).

Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas

Except for Wildland Provincial Parks (see page 34) or for the limited seasons provided in WMUs 624 (Cypress Hills Provincial Park), 936 (Blackfoot Recreation Area) and 841 (Lakeland Recreation Area), it is unlawful to hunt, or to carry or discharge a firearm in a provincial park or recreation area without a firearms carry and discharge permit. Otherwise, all firearms must be unloaded, encased or dismantled. In the case of Blackfoot Recreation Area, hunters will need to obtain a "Firearms Discharge Permit" from the office at Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area prior to engaging in any hunting-related activity inside the recreation area.

Note: Some lakes may be within a provincial park and off limits for hunting.

Forest Recreation Areas

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within a forest recreation area. It is also unlawful to "dress" a big game animal within a forest recreation area.

Kananaskis Country

Hunters are reminded that other people use Kananaskis Country trails and camping areas for recreational purposes. Discharging and handling of firearms must be done with care and respect for the safety of others. Access to some areas may be affected when recreational trails and roads for industrial use are temporarily closed. For further information, contact Alberta Community Development in Kananaskis Country.

National Parks

Hunting is prohibited in national parks, and hunters should be especially careful about their locations when hunting near park boundaries. Firearms are prohibited in national parks except on through highways and in town sites, where they must be unloaded and encased.

Other Restricted Areas

Except for the special seasons provided in WMUs 728 and 730, hunting is not permitted in the following areas:

- Cold Lake Air Weapons Range (WMU 726),
- Canadian Forces Base Wainwright (WMUs 728 and 730),
- Canadian Forces Base Suffield (WMU 732),
- Ghost River Wilderness Area (WMU 734),
- Greene Valley Wildlife Management Unit (WMU 926),
- Siffleur Wilderness Area (WMU 736),
- White Goat Wilderness Area (WMU 738), and
- within 91 m (100 yards) of Highway 1 or Highway 1A in WMU 410.

BIG GAME HUNTING

The hunting of big game is not permitted in the following areas:

- **the Gregg River Resources Coal Mineral Surface Lease in WMU 438, and**
- **the Cardinal River Coal Mineral Surface Lease in WMU 438.**

Saskatoon Mountain Primitive Weapons Area

Only shotguns, muzzleloaders, cross-bows and archery equipment may be used to hunt big game in this area in WMU 357 near Grande Prairie (see enclosed Wildlife Management Unit Map).

Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep

It is unlawful to hunt trophy or non-trophy sheep within the following areas:

- 183 m (200 yards) of the Canada Cement rock quarry at Exshaw.
- 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of Highway 1A between the western boundary of the Stoney Indian Reserve and Canmore,
- 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of Highway 3,
- 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the Sheep River from the eastern boundary of WMU 406 upstream to Dyson Creek,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of the Inland Cement Rock Quarry near Cadomin,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of the intersection of Whitehorse Creek and the main forestry trunk road south of Cadomin,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of where Highway 16 intersects the eastern boundary of Jasper National Park,
- 3.2 km (2.0 mi.) of the intersection of the Forestry Trunk Road and the South Ram River in Section 18, Township 36, Range 13, West of the Fifth Meridian,

GAME BIRD HUNTING

Game Bird Sanctuaries

Hunting game birds and carrying shotguns are prohibited in game bird sanctuaries except with a special permit. Descriptions of these sanctuaries are available from the Queen's Printer in Edmonton or Calgary (page 12). Game bird sanctuaries are located in the following WMUs:

WMU	Sanctuary	WMU	Sanctuary
102	Pakowki Lake	242	Ministik Lake
148	Many Island Lake	242	Miquelon Lake
212	Inglewood	357	Saskatoon Lake
220	Red Deer	503	Lac La Biche
238	Birch Lake	530	Richardson Lake

Restricted Rivers

Hunting of migratory game birds on the following rivers, over any islands in these rivers or within 91 m (100 yards) of the edge of the waters of these rivers is prohibited until November 1:

1. Bow River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Calgary to Highway 24.
2. Little Smoky River downstream from Highway 43.
3. Peace River.
4. Red Deer River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Red Deer.
5. Smoky River downstream from the mouth of the Wapiti River.
6. South Saskatchewan River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Medicine Hat.

Restricted Lakes

Hunting game birds on the following lakes, over any island in these lakes or within 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of the edge of the waters of these lakes is prohibited until November 1 (Note additional restrictions below for Saskatoon Lake and Ministik Lake). Efforts are made to post signs near these lakes, but not all lakes may be so identified. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the restrictions in the area he or she hunts.

Prairie WMUs

160 Little Fish Lake (28-16,17-W4)
162 Berry Creek Reservoir (Carolside Dam) (26,27-12-W4)
162 Blood Indian Creek Reservoir (26-9-W4)
162 Birkenshire Lake (23,24-28-11-W4)
163 Currant Lake (33-3-W4)
163 Grassy Island Lake (33-3-W4)
163 Misty Lake (33-3-W4)
163 Sounding Creek Reservoir (30-5,6-W4)
164 Fitzgerald Lake (3,4-33-8-W4)

164 Kirkpatrick Lake (33,34-9,10-W4)
164 Rushmere Lake (33-8-W4)
164 Syson Lake (35-12,13-W4)
164 Grays Lake (28,32,33-32-7-W4)
164 Wiste Lake (2,11-33-7-W4)
164 Unnamed Lake (23 to 27-33-8-W4)
164 Unnamed Lake (31,32-33-8-W4)
164 Polly Lake (7-31-1-W4)
164 Willowbend Reservoir (K-B Lake) (1-31-13-W4)
166 Dowling Lake (31,32-14,15-W4)
166 Sullivan Lake (34 to 37-14,15-W4)

Parkland WMUs

200 Sounding Lake (36,37-3,4-W4)
202 Armstrong Lake (42-10-W4)
202 Unnamed Lake (8,9-38-10-W4)
203 Bellshill (Goose) Lake (42-11-W4)
206 Buffalo Lake (40,41-20,21,22-W4**)
221 Cygnet Lake (38-1-W5 and 38-28-W4)
228 Driedmeat Lake (44,45-19,20-W4)
232 Blackburn Lake (10,11-43-10-W4)
234 Dolcy Lake (26,35-42-4-W4)
234 Gillespie Lake (39,40-2-W4)
234 McIntyre Lake (16,17-44-1-W4)
236 Kenilworth Lake (50-4-W4)
242 Beaverhill Lake (that portion lying in 50,51-17,18-W4 – approx. southern 1/2 of lake)
242 Ministik Lake* (50-21-W4)
242 Oliver Lake (50-21-W4)
242 Lake 'A' (50,51-17-W4) adjacent to Beaverhill Lake
252 Whitford Lake (56-15,16-W4)

* ***Hunting of game birds in the Ministik Lake Game Bird Sanctuary is prohibited.***

** Hunting of upland game birds only is permitted in 9-40-21-W4.

Foothills WMUs

357 Saskatoon Lake* (including Little Lake) (71, 72-7,8-W6)

* ***Hunting of game birds in Saskatoon Lake Federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary is prohibited.***

Boreal WMUs

502 Stebbing Lake (63-7-W4)
523 Kimiwan Lake (78-19-W5)
523 Lac Magloire (79-21-W5)

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

The use of vehicles, including off-highway vehicles (OHVs), is controlled by various regulations. Refer to the enclosed Wildlife Management Unit Map for more information.

This symbol on the enclosed map indicates that special restrictions apply to all vehicles. Kananaskis Country, in WMUs 404 – 410, has a variety of special vehicle restrictions outlined in the pamphlet *Forest Land Use Zones*. For more information on the special restrictions, contact any office of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development in Kananaskis Country.

Forest Land Use Zones (F.L.U.Z.)

F.L.U.Z. This symbol on the enclosed map identifies a number of environmentally sensitive areas along the eastern slopes that have been designated as Forest Land Use Zones and have limitations on recreational use and access. For more detailed information on Forest Land Use Zones, contact the Information Centre in Edmonton (see page 14).

Wildland Provincial Parks

Hunting is allowed in the Wildland Provincial parks shown on the enclosed WMU map. However, special access restrictions apply to all motorized vehicles. For example, Bob Creek Wildland Provincial Park provides a network of designated trails on which only specific OHVs (quads and snowmobiles) may be operated from May 1 to December 15. For more detailed information, contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

Hunting with Motorized Vehicles

It is unlawful to

- discharge a **weapon** at antelope from within 46 m (50 yards) of a vehicle;
- use motorized travel within Willmore Wilderness Park; and
- carry a weapon (see definition on page 11) on an OHV **between 1 hour before sunrise and the following noon** during an open season for big game on public land in the following WMUs: 102-166, 200-260, 300-360, 400-446, 507, 508, 514, 521, 522, 526 and 841. This does not apply when the operator is on a direct route to or from a location accessible by vehicles designed for highway travel and his or her isolated campsite, and the weapons and ammunition are carried out of view in separate locked containers.

Also, the restriction does not apply in a WMU when the only big game season open is a spring black bear season.

Recreation Trails

A number of forested areas throughout Alberta have designated recreation trails. These areas allow a variety of activities including hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Trail users and backcountry travellers should be aware of current land use restrictions. For more information on recreation trails, contact the Information Centre in Edmonton (see page 14).

Trappers' Trails

Many trails on Crown lands are created and maintained by trappers. To avoid interference with trapline operations, recreationists are urged to avoid motorized use of trails marked with signs indicating "Active Trapline," especially during trapping seasons of November through February.

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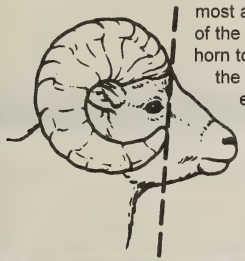
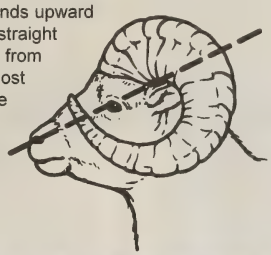
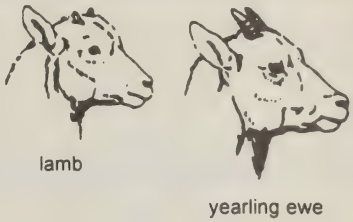
— Big Game Identification —

Trophy Sheep – A male bighorn sheep with horns, one of which is of sufficient size that a straight line drawn from the most anterior point of the base of the horn to the tip of the horn extends beyond the anterior edge of the eye when viewed in profile.

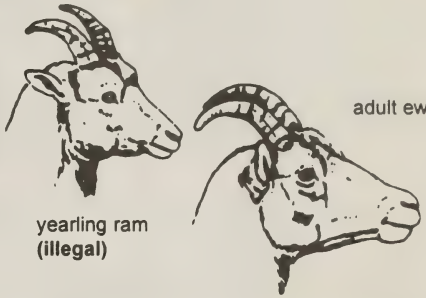


Full-Curl Trophy Sheep – A male bighorn sheep with horns, one of which is of sufficient size that when viewed in profile, its tip extends upward beyond a straight line drawn from the rear-most point of the base of the horn to the centre of the nostril.





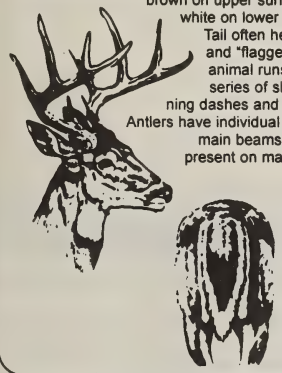
Non-trophy Sheep — A female bighorn sheep or a male bighorn sheep under one year of age.



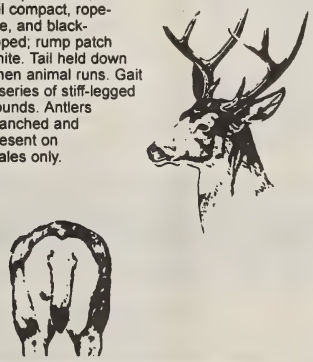
Be Careful!

Study a ram carefully when determining its trophy status. Be sure to view the ram's head from a horizontal plane and in profile, with the front of the right and left horn bases aligned. Views from below, in front, or any other perspective other than "in profile" will not provide for accurate judgement. Some rams may not be legal even if they are old or have horns severely broomed or with turned up tips.

White-tailed Deer — Body color grey to reddish brown, under body white. Tail large and bushy, brown on upper surface and white on lower surface. Tail often held erect and "flagged" when animal runs. Gait a series of short running dashes and bounds. Antlers have individual tines off main beams. Antlers present on males only.



Mule Deer — Body color grey to brownish grey, under body white. Ears prominent; tail compact, rope-like, and black-tipped; rump patch white. Tail held down when animal runs. Gait a series of stiff-legged bounds. Antlers branched and present on males only.

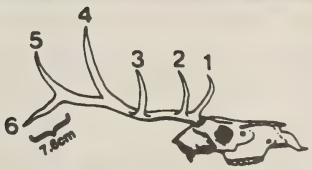


Antlered

A white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

Antlerless

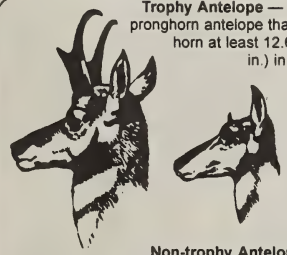
A white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk that is not "antlered" (as defined above).



Six-point Elk — A male elk bearing an antler that is composed of a main beam from which project not fewer than five tines, each of which is at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

Note: The tip of the main beam must be at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) from the base of the last tine counted.

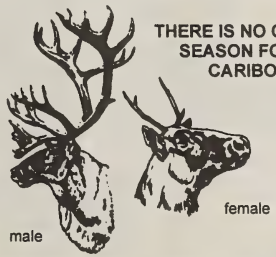
Trophy Antelope — A male pronghorn antelope that has a horn at least 12.6 cm (5 in.) in length.

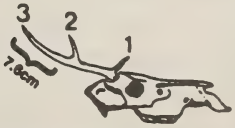


Non-trophy Antelope — A female pronghorn antelope or a male pronghorn antelope having horns not more than 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

Woodland Caribou – Woodland Caribou are classified as Threatened animals in Alberta.

THERE IS NO OPEN SEASON FOR CARIBOU.





Three-point Elk — A male elk bearing an antler that is composed of a main beam from which project not fewer than two tines, each of which is at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

Note: The tip of the main beam must be at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) from the base of the last tine counted.

Moose

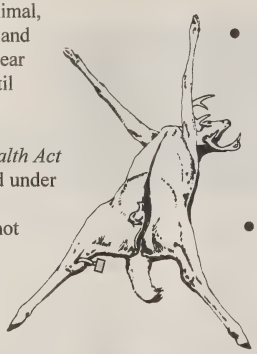
Cow – large, long nose and face; eyes appear close to top of head; rectangular body proportions; 1.8 m (6 ft.) high at the shoulder; may be found alone.

Calf – small, short nose and face; eyes appear more centered between tip of nose and top of head; squarish body proportions; 1.2 m (4 ft.) high at the shoulder; seldom found alone.

EVIDENCE OF SEX, SPECIES AND CLASS

Evidence of sex, species and class must be retained (cannot be surgically or otherwise removed) on the carcass of big game animals, except black bear, until the carcass is delivered to either of the following:

- the usual residence of the person who killed the animal, and the carcass is actually being butchered, cut up and packaged for consumption. In the case of grizzly bear or cougar, the evidence of sex must be retained until the animal has been registered (page 38), or
- a premises* in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.
  *Note: The evidence of sex, species or class cannot be removed until it is delivered to one of these premises.



The evidence of sex, species or class that must be retained is as follows:

- **moose, elk, deer, antelope** and **non-trophy sheep** – attached to the same part of the animal to which the tag is affixed, **one** of the following:
  - testicles, scrotum, or udder, and in the case of deer only, the completely haired tail, or
  - the head with horns or antlers attached if the animal has horns or antlers, or
  - the head (complete with the skin on it) if the animal has no horns or antlers, and
- in addition,
  - the complete skull plate with horns or antlers intact must be retained with the carcass of the male antelope, male elk or male non-trophy sheep
  - the complete head must be retained with the carcass of a calf moose harvested under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence.
- **cougar** – one of the following attached to the skin and visible:
  - in the case of a male, the scrotum
  - in the case of a female, a teat or a portion of a mammary gland.

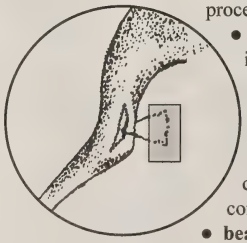
To retain the scrotum or udder, cut to one side of the scrotum or udder when opening the animal for gutting. If you skin your game, the scrotum or udder must remain attached to the meat. If you remove testicles and penis, leave the entire scrotum intact. The meat will not be tainted.

TAGGING

NOTE: Antlered moose, elk and deer must **NOT** be tagged around the antler base. Please review the following instructions.

Immediately after killing a big game animal, the appropriate tag(s) must be affixed and securely locked to the animal as follows:

- **trophy sheep, goat** – one tag through the nostril and, as soon as the skin is removed from the skull, one tag around the lower bone of the eye socket leaving the horns and eye intact.
- **moose, elk, deer, antelope** and **non-trophy sheep** – through the space between the bone and the tendon of a hind leg directly above the hock and around either the bone or the tendon.
- **bear** and **cougar** – to the skin.



Partner Licence

Upon killing an animal, a partner must immediately inform the primary licence holder (and vice versa – if the primary licence holder kills the animal, he or she must immediately inform the partner) of the killing. The primary licence holder must, immediately upon arriving at the carcass, tag the animal in the normal fashion (See page 20 for more information).

Tags must remain affixed until, in the case of

- **trophy sheep, goat** – the animal is registered (page 38) and the skin is processed.
- **moose, elk, deer, antelope** or **non-trophy sheep** – the carcass is delivered to the usual residence of the person who killed the animal or to a premises (i.e., meat plant or butcher shop) in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act* **and** the carcass is actually being butchered, cut and packaged for consumption.
- **bear and cougar** – the skin is processed.

To tag your kill using the paper tag that comes with your licence, attach the wire loop to the animal as described above for various species and classes. Close and secure the loop by affixing the adhesive tag over the free ends of the wire.

BOWHUNTING

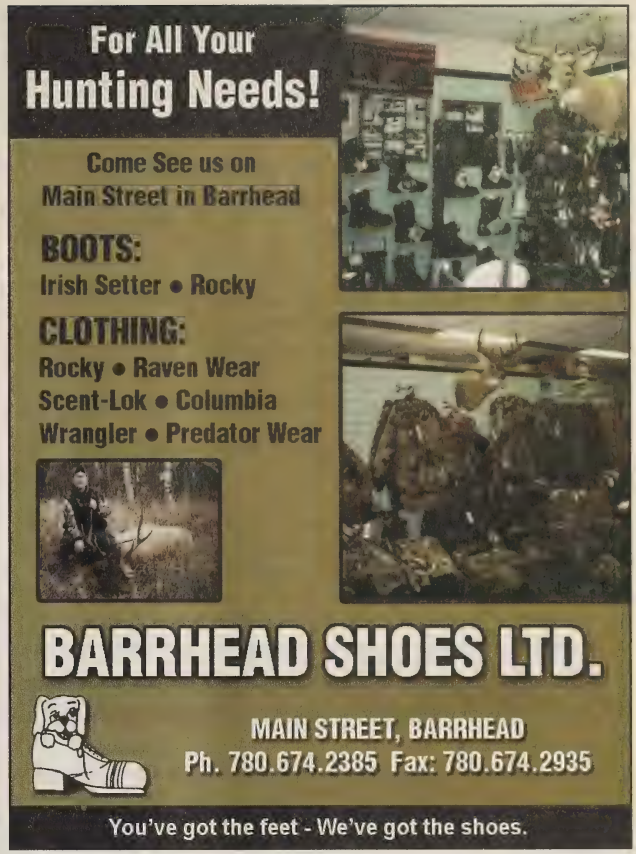
Note: The following applies to bowhunting other than with a cross-bow. For information about hunting with cross-bows, see page 61.

Except for the hunting of black bear, coyote or wolf under the circumstances outlined on page 30, a Bowhunting Permit is required by anyone who hunts big game, wolf or coyote with a bow and arrow. Bowhunters with appropriate general or special licences may hunt during the general seasons as well as archery-only seasons. A Bowhunting Permit

is required in combination with a big game licence. In some areas of the province, hunters require special licences to hunt certain species of big game – see season tables. A hunter who obtains an Antlered Moose Special Licence, Antlerless Moose Special Licence, Calf Moose Special Licence, Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence, Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence, Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence, Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence, Antlered Elk Special Licence or Antlerless Elk Special Licence may, if an early archery season is offered, hunt under the authority of that licence during the archery season but only in the WMU specified on the licence and only for the type and species of animal for which the licence was issued. Bowhunters are reminded that, in some situations, archery-only seasons for some species may be in progress at the same time as rifle seasons for other species in the same WMU.

Persons hunting big game must use an authorized bow and an authorized arrow. An authorized bow is one that is held, drawn and released by muscular power and has a draw weight of not less than 18 kg (40 lb.). This is the number of kilograms (pounds) required to draw an arrow of 71 cm (28 in.) to its head. An authorized arrow is one that is not less than 61 cm (24 in.) in length that has a tip that bears a head that is not intentionally designed to resist being withdrawn after it has penetrated an object. Furthermore, it must either have a solid, sharp cutting head of at least 7/8 inch in width, or a head that, when the arrow impacts, opens to present sharp cutting edges at least 7/8 inch in width.

Hunters are asked to remove their tree stands at the end of the hunting seasons unless permission has been granted by the landholder to do otherwise.



WILDLIFE COMPULSORY REGISTRATION

After harvesting **any** of the animals listed below, a hunter must register the kill at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14) within the specified time period. Where parts are required to be submitted, they must be submitted at the time the animal is registered in person by the hunter who killed the animal. For species where parts are not required to be submitted, the hunter who killed the animal may not have to attend in person at the time of registration. Contact a Fish and Wildlife office (page 14) for further information.

- All goat (the incisor bar must be submitted);
- All male sheep over 1 year of age (the complete unaltered skull with horns and eyes intact must be submitted);
- Wolves taken in any of WMUs 300 to 316 or 400 to 426 under any authority (the skull must be submitted);
- All cougar and bobcat (the skin must be submitted complete with the evidence of sex attached and visible).
- All grizzly bear (the skin and skull must be submitted complete with the evidence of sex attached and visible).

Registration Deadlines – All registrations (except for cougar, grizzly and sheep) must be completed no later than 14 days after the close of the open season during which the animal was killed **or** 30 days after the date on which the animal was killed, whichever occurs first. Cougars must be registered within 1 business day following the kill. Sheep must be registered within 14 business days following the kill or 7 days of the close of the season. If an animal is exported, it must first be registered. Grizzly bears must be registered within 4 business days following the kill. Persons registering goat, sheep, grizzly bear, cougar, bobcat and wolf are required to provide the following information:

- species and sex of the animal,
- date and location of the kill.

The skulls of wolf should be separated from the hides. Skulls will be temporarily retained to allow cleaning, examination, and the extraction of a small tooth for aging before being returned to the hunter.

As part of the registration process, trophy sheep horns will be fitted with a permanent identification marker. Other animals may be marked in another manner or retained for examination.

Compulsory registration provides information about the relative numbers of males, females and young in big game populations. It also provides the dates and locations of the harvest. Age structure and sex ratios provide an indication of population productivity (how many young survive to become adults) and status (increasing, decreasing or stable). The population and harvest data can then be used to determine the harvest goals or quotas for following years. This valuable information, provided by hunters, is essential for managing cougar, goat, trophy sheep and wolves in Alberta.

ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS!

Black Bear Baiting

Baiting of black bears is permitted in the following WMUs: 320-324, 330-338, 348, 358-360, 500-507, 509, 510, 512-520, 522, 523, 526, 529-536, 539-542, and portions of WMUs 357, 521, 528 and 544 (check with local Fish and Wildlife Division offices, page 14). However, the following restrictions also apply:

1) Baiting is prohibited within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of occupied dwellings. (Owners and occupants of dwellings are exempt from this restriction if they have permission to bait from the owners or occupants of all other dwellings within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of the bait. Other persons may also bait within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of an occupied dwelling if the bait has been authorized in writing by the owners or occupants of that dwelling and all other dwellings within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of the bait.)

2) Baiting is prohibited within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of provincial parks that are not designated as Wildland Provincial Parks, provincial and forest recreation areas and some industrial sites.

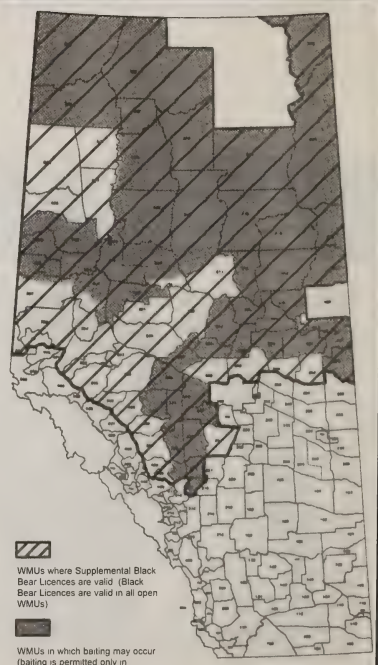
3) Each bait site must have a readily observable sign legibly showing the owner's name, WIN, Big Game Outfitter-guide Permit number, or Big Game Guide Designation Number.

4) Each bait must be posted with surrounding signs to warn other people of its presence.

5) Baiting is restricted to the open season and the preceding two weeks in each specific WMU. Contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14) for legal land descriptions or more information. Hunters are reminded that Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, *Livestock Diseases Act* and the *Public Health Act* apply to baiting situations. Any livestock dying other than through proper slaughter for human consumption must be disposed of in prescribed ways and may not be used for baiting bears. Containers or wrappings made of paper, cardboard, plastic or other materials should not be left at bait sites. For the safety of others, baits should not be placed near active work sites (e.g., tree planting locations) and all bait sites must be cleaned immediately after the bear season.

Supplemental Black Bear Licences

Supplemental Black Bear Licences are available in the following WMUs: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841.



ATTENTION WOLF HUNTERS!

- Setting out bait for the purpose of hunting wolves is lawful <u>except</u> during a spring black bear season where the use of bait for hunting black bear is not allowed.
- Where/when there is an open spring black bear season and baiting for black bear is allowed, wolf baits must be signed/posted in the same manner as black bear baits. This requirement to sign/post wolf baits is not in effect in other circumstances where wolf baits are lawfully set.

ATTENTION BEAR AND COUGAR HUNTERS!

Trichinosis – To prevent possible trichinosis, a parasitic infection, bear and cougar meat should be thoroughly cooked before it is consumed by humans or pets.

Sunday Hunting and Fixed-date Seasons

Please remember that hunting on Sunday is illegal over much of the province. Even where the listed opening or closing of a fixed-season falls on a Sunday, you may not hunt on Sunday unless you are in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Prairie WMUs (100 Series)

Alberta

Archery Only Seasons are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2006 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer	Antlered	S6 - N1	(Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25 and N30	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	166
	Antlerless	S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25 and N30	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	166
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25 and N30	102, 104, 106, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	166
	Antlered	O1 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25 and N30	108, 128, 130
	Antlerless	S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25 and N30	108, 128, 130
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless		■ S6 - S23 ■ S24 - O8 ■ O9 - O23	102
			■ S6 - S30 ■ O1 - O24 ■ O25 - N16 ■ N17 - D20	104
	Antlerless		■ S6 - S30 ■ O1 - O24 ■ O25 - N16 ■ N17 - D20	108
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - D20	151
	Antlered	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	151

Additional hunting opportunities in the Prairie WMUs:

- Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence, Antelope Archery Special Licence, Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence and Trophy Antelope Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws*** booklet for further details.
- Cypress Hills Elk Archery Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 1 elk, either antlered or antlerless, with a bow and arrow in WMUs 116, 118 and 119 during the archery season, S6 - O2.

BIG GAME SEASONS

Parkland WMUs (200 Series & 728, 730, 936)

Alberta

Archery Only Seasons are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2006 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer[1]	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
		S6 - N30		212, 248
		O17 - O31	N9 - N30	936[2]
	Antlered	S6 - N1	(Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25 and N30	210
	Antlerless	S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25 and N30	210
Mule Deer *continued on next page*	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
		S6 - N1	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N2 - N4 N9 - N11 N16 - N18 N23 - N25 and N30	210

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Mule Deer *continued*	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N30		212, 248
	Antlered	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	250
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
		S6 - N30		212, 248
			■ N30 - D16[3]	728, 730
		■ O17 - O31	■ N1 - N23	936[2]
	Antlerless		■ (Mon. – Fri. only) O25 - D7[4]	248 (Strathcona County portion only)
	Antlerless (calf only)		■ N30 - D16[3]	728, 730
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N30		212, 248
			■ N30 - D16[3]	728, 730
		■ O17 - O31	■ N1 - N23	936[2]
	Antlered (3-point or larger)[5]	S6 - O24	O25 - N30	214
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	216, 221, 224
	Antlered	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 232, 234
	Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - D20	200, 202, 203, 224
		S6 - O24	■ O25 - N20 ■ N21 - D20	214
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N25 ■ N26 - D20	216, 221, 232, 234
Black Bear[6]	Fall 2006	S6 - N30		212
			S6 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
	Spring 2007[7]	Ap1 - Ma31		212
			Ap1 - Ma31	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
Cougar[8]	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	216

1 The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 200-208, 214, 216, 220–246 and 250-260. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 234, 258 and 260.

2 Hunters (including bowhunters) require a Firearms Discharge Permit to hunt in WMU 936. Self-registration discharge permits are no longer available. Hunters must contact the Cooking Lake/Blackfoot Grazing, Wildlife and Recreation Area office at **780-922-3293** for information on requirements to obtain the discharge permit. In WMU 936, vehicle access is permitted to the Staging Areas only. Horses are permitted only on designated trails and in open pastures. General area access is by muscular power only (Bicycle or Walking).

3 From N30 - D2, this season is open only by means of archery, crossbow or muzzleloader.

4 This season is open only by means of archery, cross-bow, muzzleloader or shotgun.

5 See page 35 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk.

6 The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMU 224, 250, 258 and 260.

7 The spring 2007 season requires a new year licence.

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[8] The cougar season in specific WMUs may close prior to the closing date on this table. There is a male quota and a female quota. If either the male quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached the season will remain open until the other quota is filled. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

Additional hunting opportunities in the Parkland WMUs:

- Antlerless Deer (WMUs 212 & 248) Licence. Holders of this licence may kill two antlerless deer, either white-tailed deer or mule deer, with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) in WMUs 212 and 248 during the archery-only season, S6 – N30.
- Foothills Deer Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 2 antlerless deer, either white-tailed deer or mule deer, with a bow and arrow, cross-bow, shotgun, or muzzleloader in WMU 212 on the following dates: D1 – D20 (Monday to Friday only). When hunting, they must carry written permission from the landowner involved.
- WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 1 antlerless elk with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) in WMU 212 during the archery only season, S6 – N30.
- Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or the ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws*** booklet for further details.
- Strathcona White-tailed Deer Licence. Holders of this licence may kill two white-tailed deer, only 1 of which may be antlered, with a bow and arrow, cross-bow, muzzleloader or shotgun in that portion of WMU 248 within the Counties of Strathcona and Leduc only from Mondays to Fridays between the following dates: O25 – D7. Information about this hunt is available from the Fish and Wildlife Division district office in Edmonton and from Strathcona County Hall, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park.

BIG GAME SEASONS

Foothills WMUs (300 Series)

Alberta

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General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer[1]	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
		S6 - O24	O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 360
	Antlered	A25 - S23	S24 - N30	316
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	357, 358, 359
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	318, 320
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N30	357
		A25 - S16	N1 - N7	358, 359
		A25 - S23	N1 - N30	316
		S6 - O31	N1 - N7	318, 320
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 348
		S6 - O24	■ O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	326, 346, 357, 358

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Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Mule Deer	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	339, 340, 342, 344, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 359, 360
		A25 - S23	S24 - N30	316
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	328, 330
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	338
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	359, 360
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	316, 337
		■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336
	Antlered	A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	348
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	338
		■ S6 - O24	■ O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
		■ A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	326, 328, 330
	Antlerless	A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	352, 353*
		■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	357
	Antlerless (calf only)	A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	354
		■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	359, 360
Elk	Antlered (3-point or larger)[2]	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		S6 - O24	O25 - N30	302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
		S6 - O31	N1 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	340, 342, 344*, 346, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	330, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
		S6 - O24	■ O25 - D20	302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - D20	334, 336, 337, 348
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N25 ■ N26 - D20	318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 338*
		S6 - O24	■ O25 - N20 ■ N21 - D20	312, 314
Trophy Sheep[3]	Resident		A25 - O31	326, 328[4]
			S6 - O31	302[4], 303, 306, 308
Black Bear[5,6]	Fall 2006	A25 - S5	S6 - N30	351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 352
		S6 - S23	S24 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
			S6 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
	Spring 2007[7]		Ap1 - Ma15	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
			Ap1 - Ma31	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 352
			Ap17 - Ju15	351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
Cougar[8]	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356

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	Sept. 5	6:56	8:13	6:44	8:04	6:50	8:14	6:36	8:11	6:56	8:3
	Sept. 10	7:04	8:02	6:52	7:52	6:59	8:02	6:46	7:57	7:07	8:2
	Sept. 15	7:12	7:50	7:00	7:41	7:07	7:50	6:57	7:44	7:18	8:0
	Sept. 20	7:19	7:39	7:09	7:29	7:16	7:37	7:07	7:30	7:29	7:5
	Sept. 25	7:27	7:28	7:17	7:17	7:25	7:25	7:17	7:16	7:40	7:3
	Sept. 30	7:35	7:16	7:25	7:05	7:34	7:13	7:27	7:03	7:51	7:2
	Oct. 1	7:37	7:14	7:27	7:03	7:36	7:10	7:29	7:00	7:53	7:2
	Oct. 5	7:43	7:05	7:34	6:54	7:43	7:01	7:37	6:50	8:02	7:1
	Oct. 10	7:51	6:54	7:42	6:43	7:52	6:49	7:48	6:36	8:13	6:5
	Oct. 15	8:00	6:44	7:51	6:32	8:01	6:37	7:58	6:23	8:25	6:4
	Oct. 20	8:08	6:33	8:00	6:21	8:10	6:26	8:09	6:11	8:37	6:2
	Oct. 25	8:17	6:23	8:08	6:11	8:20	6:15	8:20	5:59	8:48	6:1
MST	Oct. 30	7:25	5:14	7:17	5:01	7:30	5:05	7:31	4:47	8:00	5:0
	Nov. 1	7:29	5:10	7:21	4:57	7:33	5:01	7:35	4:42	8:05	4:5
	Nov. 5	7:36	5:04	7:28	4:50	7:41	4:53	7:44	4:34	8:15	4:4
	Nov. 10	7:44	4:56	7:37	4:42	7:51	4:44	7:55	4:23	8:26	4:3
	Nov. 15	7:53	4:49	7:46	4:34	8:00	4:37	8:06	4:14	8:38	4:2
	Nov. 20	8:01	4:42	7:55	4:28	8:09	4:30	8:16	4:06	8:50	4:1
	Nov. 25	8:09	4:37	8:03	4:22	8:18	4:24	8:26	3:59	9:00	4:1
	Nov. 30	8:16	4:33	8:11	4:18	8:26	4:19	8:35	3:53	9:10	4:0
	Dec. 1	8:18	4:33	8:12	4:18	8:27	4:18	8:37	3:52	9:12	4:0
	Dec. 5	8:23	4:31	8:17	4:15	8:33	4:16	8:44	3:49	9:19	3:5
	Dec. 10	8:29	4:30	8:23	4:14	8:39	4:14	8:51	3:46	9:27	3:5
	Dec. 15	8:33	4:30	8:28	4:14	8:44	4:14	8:56	3:45	9:33	3:5
	Dec. 20	8:37	4:31	8:32	4:15	8:48	4:15	9:00	3:47	9:37	3:5
	Dec. 25	8:39	4:34	8:34	4:18	8:50	4:18	9:02	3:50	9:39	3:5
	Dec. 30	8:40	4:38	8:35	4:22	8:51	4:23	9:02	3:54	9:39	4:0
	Jan. 1	8:40	4:40	8:34	4:25	8:50	4:25	9:02	3:57	9:38	4:0
	Jan. 5	8:39	4:45	8:33	4:29	8:49	4:30	9:00	4:02	9:36	4:1
	Jan. 10	8:37	4:51	8:31	4:36	8:46	4:37	8:56	4:10	9:32	4:2
	Jan. 15	8:33	4:59	8:27	4:43	8:42	4:45	8:51	4:19	9:25	4:3
	Jan. 20	8:29	5:06	8:22	4:52	8:37	4:53	8:44	4:29	9:18	4:4
	Jan. 25	8:23	5:15	8:16	5:00	8:30	5:03	8:37	4:40	9:09	4:5
	Jan. 30	8:16	5:24	8:09	5:10	8:23	5:12	8:28	4:51	8:59	5:0
	Feb. 1	8:13	5:27	8:06	5:13	8:19	5:16	8:24	4:55	8:55	5:1
	Feb. 5	8:07	5:34	8:00	5:21	8:12	5:24	8:16	5:04	8:46	5:2
	Feb. 10	7:59	5:43	7:51	5:30	8:03	5:34	8:05	5:16	8:34	5:3
	Feb. 15	7:49	5:52	7:41	5:39	7:53	5:44	7:53	5:27	8:22	5:4
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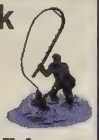

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Hinton		Lac La Biche		Lethbridge		Peace River		Red Deer		Whitecourt	
se	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
00	8:40	6:35	8:20	6:47	8:15	6:53	8:44	6:46	8:23	6:51	8:33
07	8:30	6:42	8:10	6:53	8:06	7:01	8:33	6:53	8:14	6:58	8:24
15	8:18	6:51	7:57	7:00	7:56	7:11	8:20	7:01	8:02	7:07	8:11
24	8:06	7:00	7:44	7:07	7:45	7:21	8:07	7:10	7:50	7:16	7:59
33	7:54	7:10	7:32	7:15	7:34	7:30	7:53	7:18	7:38	7:25	7:46
41	7:42	7:19	7:19	7:22	7:23	7:40	7:40	7:26	7:26	7:34	7:34
50	7:29	7:28	7:06	7:30	7:12	7:50	7:27	7:35	7:15	7:43	7:21
52	7:27	7:30	7:04	7:31	7:10	7:52	7:24	7:36	7:12	7:45	7:19
59	7:17	7:38	6:54	7:37	7:01	8:00	7:14	7:43	7:03	7:52	7:09
08	7:06	7:47	6:41	7:45	6:51	8:11	7:01	7:52	6:52	8:01	6:57
17	6:54	7:57	6:29	7:53	6:41	8:21	6:48	8:00	6:41	8:11	6:45
27	6:43	8:07	6:18	8:01	6:31	8:32	6:35	8:09	6:30	8:21	6:34
36	6:32	8:17	6:06	8:09	6:21	8:42	6:23	8:18	6:20	8:30	6:23
46	5:22	7:27	4:55	7:17	5:12	7:53	5:12	7:27	5:10	7:40	5:12
49	5:18	7:31	4:51	7:20	5:09	7:57	5:08	7:31	5:06	7:44	5:08
57	5:10	7:39	4:43	7:27	5:02	8:06	4:59	7:38	4:59	7:52	5:00
07	5:01	7:49	4:34	7:35	4:55	8:17	4:49	7:47	4:50	8:02	4:51
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19	5:51	8:01	5:24	7:50	5:42	8:27	5:41	8:01	5:39	8:14	5:41
09	6:01	7:50	5:35	7:41	5:50	8:15	5:52	7:51	5:48	8:03	5:51
58	6:11	7:39	5:45	7:32	5:59	8:03	6:03	7:41	5:58	7:52	6:01
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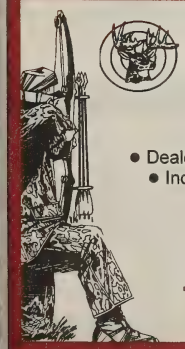

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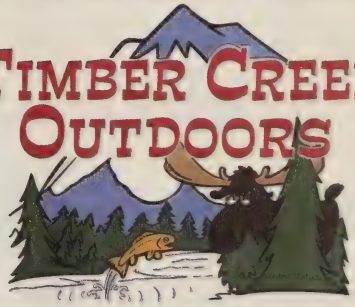

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* The draw season for antlerless moose in WMU 353 and antlerless elk in WMUs 338 and 344 applies only to a portion of the WMU.

1 The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 310, 312, 314, 322-357 and 360. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 334-356 and 360.

2 See page 35 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk.

3 Hunting sheep is prohibited in several areas. See Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep on page 33.

4 WMUs 302 and 328 are open only for full-curl rams.

5 The baiting of black bears is permitted in WMUs 320, 322, 324, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348, 358, 359, 360, and portions of 357.

6 The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 320–360.

7 The spring 2007 season requires a new year licence.

8 The cougar season in specific WMUs may close prior to the closing date on this table. There is a male quota and a female quota. If either the male quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached the season will remain open until the other quota is filled. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

Additional hunting opportunities in the Foothills WMUs:
- WMU 300 Elk Special Licence and Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws*** booklet for further details.

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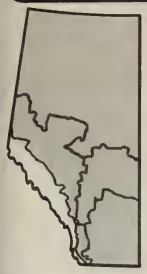


Mountain WMUs (400 Series)

Alberta

Archery Only Seasons are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2006 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer[1]	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	404, 406, 408
		S6 - N30		410
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434
		S6 - S23	S24 - N30	400, 402
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434
		S6 - S23	N1 - N15	400, 402
		A25 - S16	N1 - N15	429
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
		S6 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 432, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	404, 406
		S6 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31	412, 414, 445, 446
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444
		■ A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	429
		S6 - S23	■ S24 - N30	408
		■ S6 - S16	■ S17 - N30	400, 402
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - N30		410
	Antlered (6-point or larger)[2] and Antlerless	S6 - S16	■ S17 - N30	404, 406, 408
	Antlered (6-point or larger)[2]	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 428, 430
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 426, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	Antlered (3-point or larger)[2]	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		S6 - S16	S17 - N30	400, 402
	Antlerless	S6 - S16	■ S17 - N30	400, 402
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	438*, 439, 441*, 444*
Goat	Not Applicable		■ S10 - O31	440, 442, 444
			■ S17 - O31	400

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Trophy Sheep[5]	Resident	S6 - O31		410
		■ S6 - N30		410
			■ A25 - S23 ■ S24 - O31	437
			■ N1 - N10 ■ N11 - N20 ■ N21 - N30	438[11]
			A25 - O31	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429[6], 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444[3], 445
			■ A25 - O31	444[4], 446
			S6 - O31	400[6], 402, 404, 406, 408
		■ N1 - N30		408 (west of Highway 40)
	Non-resident and Non-resident Alien[7]	■ S6 - N30		410
			■ S1 - O15	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444[3], 445
Black Bear[8]	Fall 2006	A25 - S5	S6 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		S6 - N30		410
			S6 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
	Spring 2007[9]	Ap1 - Ma31		410
			Ap1 - Ma15	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
			Ap1 - Ma31	429
			Ap17 - Ju15	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
Cougar[10]	Not Applicable	D1 - F28		410
			D1 - F28	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446

* The draw season for antlerless elk in WMU 438, 441 and 444 applies only to a portion of the WMU. See draw booklet for maps.

1 The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 436-446. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 437-446.

2 See page 35 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.

3 The season for trophy sheep in WMU 444 applies only to the portion south of the Beaverdam Road.

4 The draw season for trophy sheep in WMU 444 applies only to the portion north of the Beaverdam Road.

5 Hunting of sheep is prohibited in several areas. See Restricted Areas for trophy and non-trophy sheep on page 33.

6 WMUs 400 and 429 are open only for full-curl rams.

7 These seasons are only valid for hunters who have obtained Trophy Sheep Special Licences through a Class S Outfitter-guide or through a draw (Non-resident [Canadians] only).

8 The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 429 and 445.

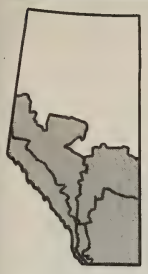
9 The spring 2007 season requires a new year licence.

10 The cougar season in specific WMUs may close prior to the closing date on this table. There is a male quota and a female quota. If either the male quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached the season will remain open until the other quota is filled. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

11 The draw season for trophy sheep is valid in Area 438C (See ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws Booklet***).

Additional hunting opportunities in the Mountain WMUs:

- Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence, Trophy Sheep Special Licence (portion of WMU 408 lying west of Highway 40 or in WMU 446 and that portion of WMU 444 north of Beaverdam Road or in WMU 438C). Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws*** booklet for further details.



Boreal WMUs (500 Series & 841)

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General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2006 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Bison – In the area west of highway 35 and north of the Chinchaga River and the Keg River Metis Settlement, bison is a protected species. No one is allowed to hunt bison in this area.

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer[1]	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	N1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
		A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	521, 523
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	522, 526, 527, 535, 537
			S17 - N30	841
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N7	522, 526
			N1 - N30	841
		A25 - S16	N1 - N30	527, 535, 537
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	500, 505, 507, 508, 509, 510
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	521, 537
	Antlered	A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	535
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	522, 523, 526, 527
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 506
			S17 - N30	841
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	522, 523, 526, 527
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 504, 506, 509
		■ S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	507, 508
	Antlered		■ S17 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	841
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 536, 542, 544
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - O31	517, 518, 529, 530
			N1 - N30[2]	517, 518, 529, 530
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	503, 505, 510
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - N30[3]	531, 532, 534, 539, 540
	Antlerless (calf only)	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	505, 510
		■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527

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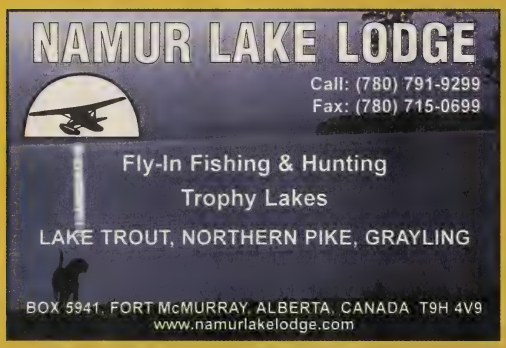

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Elk	Antlered (6-point or larger)[4]	S6 - O31	■ N1 - N30	509
	Antlered (3-point or larger)[4]	S6 - O31	N1 - N30	504, 505, 506, 507, 510
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 527
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
		S6 - O31	■ N1 - D20	504, 506, 507, 509, 510
	Antlered	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	526
Black Bear[5,6]	Fall 2006	A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S5	S6 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
			S6 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
			S17 - N30	841
	Spring 2007[7]		Ap1 - Ma15	841
			Ap1 - Ma31	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
			Ap17 - Ju15	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
Cougar[8]	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	505, 507, 509, 510

1 The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 500-511, 514, 520, 521, 523-525, 528, 534-544. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 500, 502, 511, 521, 523, 542 and 544.

2 Hunters with Antlered Moose Special Licences obtained through a draw are not eligible to hunt during this season.

3 If hunting with an Outfitter-Guide, hunters should note these WMUs are split into two seasons: Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 or Nov. 1 – Nov. 30.

4 See page 35 for description of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.

5 The baiting of black bears is permitted in WMUs 500-507, 509, 510, 512-520, 522, 523, 526, 529-536, 539-542 and portions of 521, 528 and 544.

6 The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 500-544 and 841.

7 The spring 2007 season requires a new year licence.

8 The cougar season in specific WMUs may close prior to the closing date on this table. There is a male quota and a female quota. If either the male quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached the season will remain open until the other quota is filled. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

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Season Dates And Locations (refer to page 11 for month abbreviations)

Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence

Areas 416, 418A*, 418B*, 420, 422A*, 426A*, 430A*, 430B*, 432, 434A*, 434B*, 437, 438A*, 438C*, 438D*, 440, 442, 444, 445A*, 445B*, 446 ..... S6 - O31
Areas (402 – 303, 306)*, 402 – 308*, 402A*, 406A*, 406B*, 408A*, 408B* ..... S10 - O31
Area 410 ..... S6 - N30

* These areas comprise either a portion of one WMU or all of one WMU and a portion of an adjacent WMU. See descriptions in the ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws*** booklet.

Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence (WMUs 728 and 730)

Primitive Weapons ..... N30 - D2
Rifle ..... D4 - D6, D7 - D9, D11 - D13, D14 - D16

Antelope Archery Special Licence

WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166 ..... S6 - S25

Trophy Antelope Special Licence

WMUs 138, 142, 144, 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166 ..... S25 - S30
WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 140, 148 ..... O16 - O21

Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence

WMUs 128, 140 ..... O19 - O21, O23 - O25
WMUs 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166 ..... S28 - S30, O5 - O7

Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence

WMUs 116, 118, 119 and 624 ..... Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. only, O3 - N24
WMUs 116, 118 and 119 ..... Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. only, N28, 2006 - J5, 2007

WMU 300 Elk Special Licence ..... S6 - O24, O25 - D24, D25 - F21, 2007

Refer to the ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws*** booklet for details on what seasons will be open and how to apply for special licences that will be available in the fall 2006 and spring 2007.

Other Species

Season Dates and Locations

NOTE: It is unlawful, with the following exceptions, to allow the pelt of any furbearing animal to be wasted:

It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of 1) furbearing animals taken in accordance with regulations authorizing control of problem wildlife, or 2) coyotes harvested, by residents, outside of public lands in the Green Area.

Timber Wolf

A Resident may, without a licence, hunt (but not trap) timber wolf from the opening of any big game season in a particular WMU to May 31, 2007, or until June 15, 2007 in WMUs where black bear seasons are open until June 15, 2007.

A Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a Non-resident/Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence may hunt (but not trap) timber wolf from the opening of any big game season in a particular WMU to May 31, 2007, or until June 15, 2007 in WMUs where black bear seasons are open until June 15, 2007.

It is unlawful to use bait to hunt wolves during spring black bear seasons where baiting is not allowed for black bear (see page 38).

Coyote

A Resident may, without a licence and on land to which he or she has the right of access, hunt (but not trap) coyote at all times of the year throughout the province, except as follows:

1) on public lands in the Green Area, only from October 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007, and
2) in Camp Wainwright (WMUs 728 and 730), only from December 18, 2006 to February 28, 2007.

See page 30 for information on coyote hunting for control of livestock predation.

Subject to the exception (*) below, a Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a valid Non-resident/Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence may hunt coyote on lands to which he or she has the right of access at all times of the year throughout the province – except on public lands in the Green Area where the season is from October 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007.

*Exception: if a big game season (other than a cougar season) is open in the area he or she is hunting, then the Non-resident or Non-resident Alien hunter of coyotes must possess a current big game licence issued for that area and open season.

Red Fox and Badger

A Resident may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) red fox and hunt badger on any privately owned land to which he or she has the right of access.

Bobcat

A resident may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) bobcat in WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119 and in the portion of WMU 110 that lies east of highway 2 and south of highway 3. All kills must be registered at a Fish and Wildlife office (see page 14).

Other Animals

Porcupine, rabbit, hare, skunk, raccoon and woodchuck may be hunted, but not trapped*, without a licence throughout the province, at all times of the year.

* The trapping of rabbit, hare, skunk and raccoon is authorized without a licence under some circumstances. Please refer to the ***2006 Alberta Guide to Trapping Regulations***, available in September, 2006.

FEDERAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

All hunters should be aware of federal laws surrounding the acquisition, possession, transportation and use of weapons and ammunition. For further information contact your local police service or the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000 or visit the Centre's website at http://www.cfc.gc.ca/.

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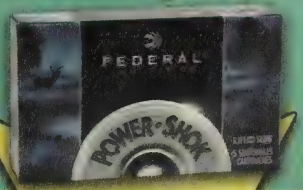

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Falconry Hunting

Holders of a Recreational Falconry Permit are permitted to hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds, by means of falconry, in all areas of the province except in national parks and those restricted areas identified on pages 30 through 34. In order to hunt game birds with a falconry bird, a falconer requires a Wildlife Certificate plus

- a Game Bird Licence if hunting grouse, partridge or ptarmigan;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence if hunting pheasants; or
- a Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit if hunting migratory game birds.

Seasons

The open season to hunt upland game birds by means of falconry is from August 15, 2006 to March 31, 2007 (Sundays included). Migratory game birds may be hunted by means of falconry during the designated open season for migratory birds (Sundays included) (pages 56 to 61).

Bowhunting

Hunters wishing to hunt game birds with a bow and arrow, other than a cross-bow, require a Bowhunting Permit in addition to the other applicable licences.

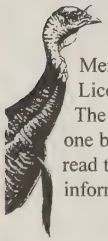
Designated Pheasant Release Sites

The operation of the pheasant hatchery at Brooks was privatized in April 2000 with a non-government partnership, the Canadian Pheasant Company. For more information about the pheasant release program, please contact the Canadian Pheasant Company (403-362-4122).

During the open season for male pheasants, the hunting of game birds, including pheasants, is not permitted in the following designated pheasant release sites after 2:00 p.m. on any day, except Saturdays.

WMU

152 Millicent Buck for Wildlife Project (NE19 and 30-20-13-W4)
206 Buffalo Lake Buck for Wildlife Project (9 and SW10-40-21-W4)
210 Bigelow Buck for Wildlife Project (3, E9, SW10 & LSD 12 and 13 of 10-34-25-W4)



Merriam's Turkey Draw

Merriam's Turkey Special Licences are issued through a draw. Licences will be valid in all of WMU 300-308, 400 and 402. The season is from May 1 to May 31, 2007 with a bag limit of one bearded Merriam's turkey per special licence holder. Please read the ***2006 Alberta Hunting Draws*** booklet for more information on how to apply for this draw.

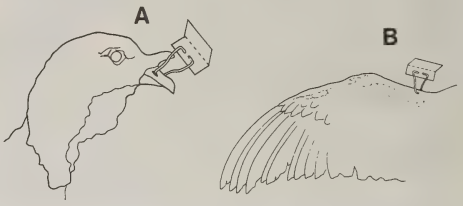
Each Merriam's turkey harvested must be tagged

- immediately after the bird is killed, and
- in the manner described below with the paper tag supplied with each licence. All instructions on the back of the paper tag must be followed.

Tags must remain affixed until the carcass is delivered to

- the usual residence of the person who killed it, and is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
- to a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

Merriam's Turkey Tagging Instructions



Tagging Instructions: (A) place wire through the nares, or (B) through the patagium between the tendon and the bones of the wing.

Please refer to items 2, 12 and 13 of Prohibitions, Game Bird section (pages 17 and 18) for additional requirements concerning weapons and evidence of sex and species for Merriam's turkey.

West Nile Virus

Are hunters at risk of West Nile virus when handling hunter-killed birds?

Health officials advise that there is no evidence or reason to believe that there is any risk of getting West Nile virus from handling hunter-killed birds in Alberta. Free-flying birds are unlikely to contain sufficient virus to pass on an infection. In addition, the only evidence of direct transfer of West Nile virus from birds to humans without going through a mosquito are two accidental infections when lab technicians were handling heavily infected crows. Similarly, hunting dogs are not at risk when retrieving hunter-killed birds.
Hunters are advised to take precautions against being bitten by mosquitoes, which are common in wetland habitats and are active at dawn and dusk when temperatures are suitable for insect activity.

Game Bird Regulations continued on page 56

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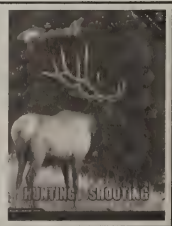

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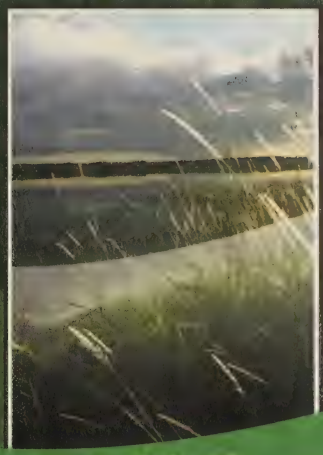

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Special Hunting Areas

In WMUs 212 and 248 the hunting of game birds is only permitted with bows and arrows, cross-bows, shotguns or a falconry bird.

In WMU 410 the hunting of game birds is permitted only with bows and arrows or a falconry bird.

Please Remember

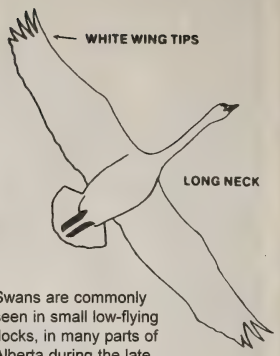
Federal regulations prohibit the use of lead shot or cross-bows for hunting waterfowl.

All birds are protected except the following: Starlings, Crows, Pigeons, House (English) Sparrows, Magpies, Blackbirds, Common Grackles, Brown-headed Cowbirds, Ravens (hunted on private land by residents) and any other birds for which an open season has been declared by the regulations as indicated in this summary.

SAGE GROUSE ARE PROTECTED

Sage grouse are listed as an endangered species in Alberta. If you hunt upland game birds within the range of sage grouse, be sure your target is not a sage grouse.

SNOW GOOSE



Swans are commonly seen in small low-flying flocks, in many parts of Alberta during the late fall.

SWAN (Do Not Shoot)

GAME BIRD BAG LIMITS

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Requirements
Male Pheasant	2	6	Snow Goose and Ross' Goose	20	60	(a) of which not more than five (5) may be white-fronted geese for resident and non-resident Canadians. (b) of which not more than ten (10) may be white-fronted geese for resident and non-resident Canadians. (c) of which not more than four (4) may be a pintail. (d) of which not more than eight (8) may be pintails. (e) may be hunted with Special Licence only. (f) of which not more than three (3) may be white-fronted geese for non-resident aliens. (g) of which not more than six (6) may be white-fronted geese for non-resident aliens.
Ruffed Grouse	10	20	Canada Goose and White-fronted Goose	8 (a,f)	16 (b,g)	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	5	10				
Ptarmigan	5	20	Ducks	8 (c)	16 (d)	
Blue Grouse	5	10	Common Snipe	10	20	
Spruce Grouse	10	20	Coot	10	20	
Gray Partridge	5	10	Merriam's Turkey	1 (e)	1 (e)	

GAME BIRD SEASONS

Prairie WMUs (100 Series)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	O15 - N30	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S15 - N30	108, 110, 132, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - O31	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Gray Partridge	S15 - N30	
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S8 - D23	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166

Parkland WMUs (200 Series & 728, 730, 936)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	O15 - N15	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936[1]
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S15 - N30	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - N15	214, 216, 221, 224
	O1 - O31	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 220, 222, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936[1]
Gray Partridge	S15 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936[1]
Ruffed and Sharp-tailed Grouse (Camp Wainwright)[2]	S2 - S4	728, 730
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936[1]
	S8 - D23	210, 212, 214

1 Hunters (including bowhunters) require a Firearms Discharge Permit to hunt in WMU 936. Self-registration discharge permits are no longer available. All hunters for WMU 936 are required to attend a safety orientation prior to receiving their discharge permit. Please contact the Cooking Lake/Blackfoot Grazing, Wildlife and Recreation Area office, (780-922-3293) in order to receive information regarding orientation dates and requirements for obtaining your discharge permit.

2 WARNING: Hazards in the form of unexploded military munitions may exist throughout Camp Wainwright. Hunters are advised not to touch any foreign objects. **Camp Wainwright officials have advised that all hunters using shotguns to hunt game birds at Camp Wainwright must use non-toxic shot. Lead shot is not allowed.**

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Foothills WMUs (300 Series)

■ Indicates a season that only applies to hunters with a Merriam's Turkey Special Licence. Refer to the *2006 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet.

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	S1 - O31	350, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	O15 - N15	300, 302, 304, 305, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348, 349
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	316, 318, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
Blue Grouse	S1 - N30	316, 318, 326, 328, 344, 347, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 324, 339, 340, 342
Sharp-tailed Grouse	S1 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352
	O1 - O31	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	O1 - N15	310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
Ptarmigan	S1 - D15	316, 318, 355, 356
Gray Partridge	S1 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 352, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 340, 342, 348
Merriam's Turkey	■ 2007 Ma1 - Ma31	300-308, 400 and 402 (see page 54).
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S8 - D23	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314

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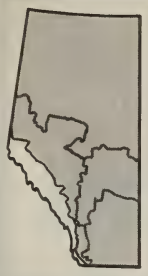
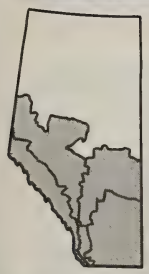


Mountain WMUs (400 Series)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 429
Blue Grouse	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 429
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - O31	400, 402
Ptarmigan	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446



Boreal WMUs (500 Series & 841)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	S1 - O31	511, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 544
	O15 - N15	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 514, 515
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	S15 - N30	500, 507, 508, 841
Sharp-tailed Grouse	S1 - N30	511, 512, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	O1 - O31	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
	O1 - N15	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 514, 515, 841
Ptarmigan	S1 - D15	518, 519, 520, 524, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544

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Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Gray Partridge	S1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 511, 514, 515, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 544
	S15 - N30	507, 508
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	S15 - D16	841

HUNTING WITH CROSS-BOWS

Since the fall season of 2002, cross-bows are no longer "prohibited" for hunting wildlife in Alberta, although there may be federal licensing requirements. See page 52 for federal government contact information. Cross-bows may not be used to hunt big game during archery-only seasons. The only exception is for an eligible handicapped hunter who has obtained a cross-bow licence.

A Bowhunting Permit, as required by bowhunters using conventional archery equipment, is **not** required by persons who are hunting with cross-bows.

In accordance with federal regulations, cross-bows may not be used for waterfowl hunting.

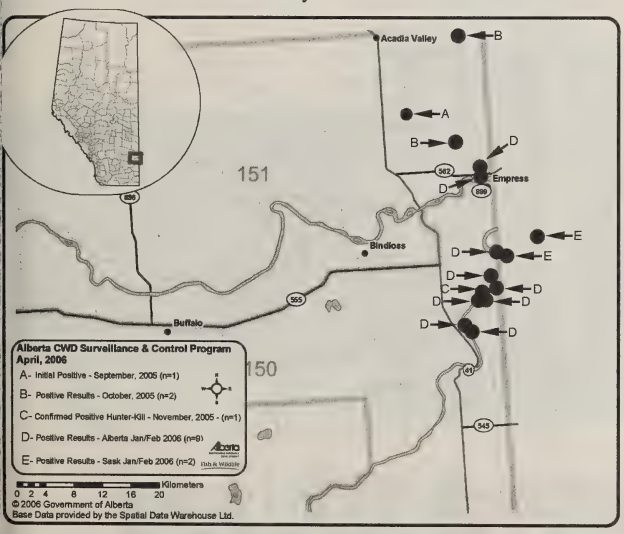
Persons hunting big game with a cross-bow must use an authorized cross-bow and arrow (bolt). An authorized cross-bow is one that requires 100 pounds or more of pull to draw the string or cable to its cocked position. There is no restriction on arrow length however it must have a tip as described under the heading "Bowhunting" on page 36-37.

GAME MANAGEMENT

HUNTERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Chronic Wasting Disease Control Program

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal, neurological disease of deer and elk. Over time, infected animals experience weight loss, behavioural changes, and ultimately death. This disease is associated with abnormal proteins called *prions* that damage the brain and is always fatal. CWD has the potential to significantly reduce long-term deer populations, and subsequently reduce the important contributions of hunting and related activities to our culture and economy.



Location of CWD positive wild deer in Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan, May 2006.

Ongoing surveillance of wild deer and elk in Alberta began in 1998 and did not detect CWD until last year. Evidence to date suggests that the disease currently is limited to a small geographic area along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border near Empress (see figure) and that infections were recent.

CWD IS NOT WELCOME IN ALBERTA!

CWD is not considered native to Alberta and current cases appear to be a recent spread from infected deer in Saskatchewan. Alberta has taken a proactive response to get rid of CWD. The Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development began targeted herd reduction near Empress early in 2006 as a means of reducing further transmission of CWD. **Hunters too are an important part of limiting further spread of this disease**. Fewer deer on the landscape means less opportunity for transmission. The combined efforts of hunters and government as well as landholders, stakeholders, and local residents are essential for us to succeed in eliminating this disease spark before it spreads to other populations. **Let's stop CWD before it gets any further into Alberta!**

HOW CAN HUNTERS HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF CWD?

As in previous years, hunters are key to ongoing disease surveillance and continued reduction of deer density. In a nutshell, we need you to shoot more deer in targeted CWD Control Areas (see maps on page 63) and submit them for testing so we can limit transmission and make sure the disease is not spreading.

CHANGES IN 2006: **Submission of heads from deer shot in WMUs 150, 151, 234, 256, and 500 is mandatory**. In addition, in order to detect any potential spread beyond these units, a CWD surveillance area has been designated. **Voluntary submission of heads of adult (non-fawn) deer shot in WMUs 148, 144, 152, 162, 200, 202, 203, 232, 238, and 236 is requested.** Note that elk heads are not required.

Heads should be frozen, and can be submitted at any Fish and Wildlife office or one of the 24-hour drop-off freezers scattered throughout the target WMUs. Contact local Fish and Wildlife offices or watch for further information about specific freezer locations in newspapers and on our web pages.

New regulations provide increased hunting opportunities in Chronic Wasting Disease Control Areas.

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CWD Control Areas

- WMU 234- Only that portion of WMU 234 within Ranges 1 and 2.
- WMU 151- Only that portion of WMU 151 within Ranges 1 and 2.
- WMU 150- Only that portion of WMU 150 within Ranges 1-3.

CWD Control Area Seasons and Licencing

Quota licences will be available through two different processes.

) Quota licences will be available through the undersubscribed licence system. Hunters will be required to reserve their CWD Control Area licence by phoning the undersubscribed phone line on September 1, 2006 (1-900-451-3729). They can then purchase their licences at any licence issuer the next day.

i) Landowners and/or their immediate family will be required to apply for their quota licence through the local Fish and Wildlife office similar to existing landowner licence approvals. Once approved, they can purchase their licence at any licence issuer the next day. Landowner licences will be valid for titled or leased land within the CWD Control Area.

There will be three tags issued with each CWD Control Area Licence. The first two tags are valid for 2 antlerless deer (either species). The third tag is not valid until the heads from the first two antlerless deer have been submitted to a Fish and Wildlife office. Once the heads have been turned in, the third tag must be validated by Fish and Wildlife. The third tag can then be used to harvest another deer of either sex and species. Once the tags are filled and all three heads submitted, another licence may be purchased. **Note: It is a mandatory requirement to submit the heads from all deer harvested in the CWD surveillance and CWD control areas. Antlers and skull plate can be removed from bucks before the head is submitted.**

Season Dates

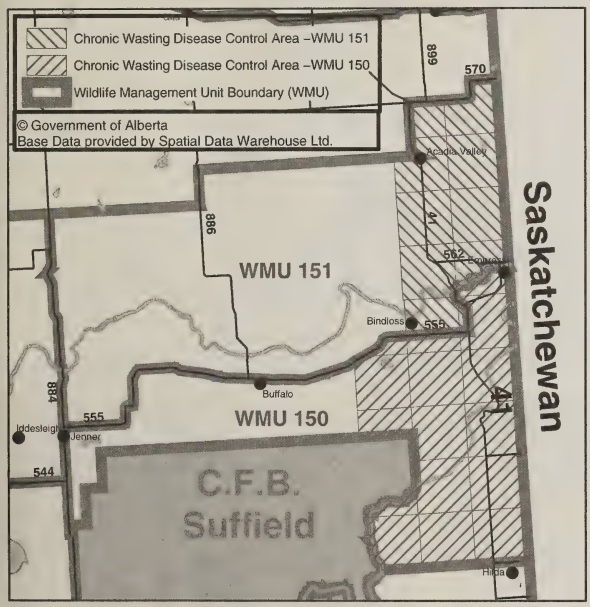
WMU 234 CWD Control Area- Archery season will be from September 6- October 31. Rifle season will be from November 1- December 20. Landowner season will be from November 1- January 15, 2007.

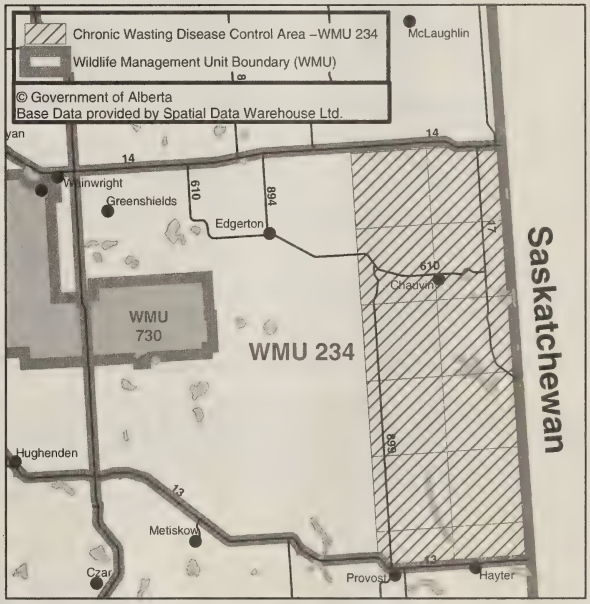
WMU 150 and 151 CWD Control Area- Archery season will be from September 6- October 31. Rifle season will be from November 1- December 20. Landowner season will be from November 1- January 15, 2007. The season will be open from Monday to Saturday in these CWD Control Areas.

Licence Cost

$9.00 + GST

For more information contact your local Fish and Wildife Office or visit: www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fw/diseases





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Marked Wildlife

Some species of wildlife are banded, collared or marked by other means in an ongoing effort to gain additional population biology information. You can assist and cooperate in these programs by reporting encounters with any marked animal to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

Some of these marked wildlife, as well as certain nuisance animals (e.g., some black bears), may have received drugs for medicinal purposes or to facilitate their capture and handling. Any such animal will be marked with a tag advising that the meat of the animal should not be consumed before contacting the Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

Report Waterfowl Leg Bands by Telephone

All waterfowl leg bands recovered in North America can now be reported by telephoning the toll-free number **1-800-327-BAND** (1-800-327-2263). Calls can be made from anywhere in Canada or the United States, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, operators are only available from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern time, Monday to Friday. After-hours and weekend callers will hear a recorded message requesting they leave their name and daytime telephone number so that the Bird Banding Lab can call them back. Recovered bands can still be reported by mail, or to the nearest office of the Fish and Wildlife Division (page 14), if you do not wish to report the band by telephone.

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Alberta Conservation Association's **REPORT A POACHER** program provides Albertans with the opportunity to report suspected violations using a toll-free number: **1-800-642-3800** or **#3800 on the TELUS Mobility network** (courtesy TELUS Mobility). The line is in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Fishing or hunting out of season, night hunting, exceeding bag limits, illegal sale of fish and wildlife and deposit of harmful substances in lakes and rivers are violations that seriously affect fish and wildlife in Alberta. If you see or know of a violation, you should record all information, including

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- time
- location
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- vehicle description
- description of person(s) involved
- details of violation, and any other details, no matter how insignificant

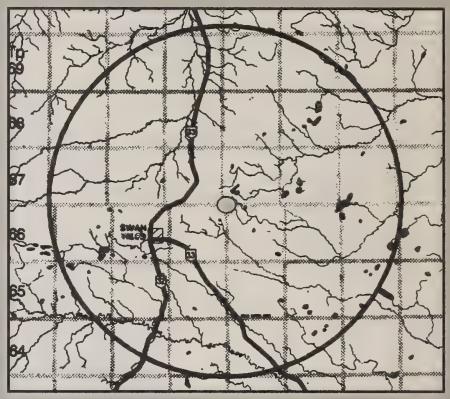
they may seem. You should then contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office or call **1-800-642-3800** as soon as possible.

If the information provided concerns a resource violation and results in the laying of a charge, the reporter may be eligible for a reward. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

Wild Game Public Health Advisory

The wild game public health advisory for the Swan Hills area — originally issued on December 13, 1996, by the Provincial Health Officer — has been revised as a result of more extensive wild game testing. While recent test results confirm that eating wild game from the Swan Hills area poses no immediate threat to human health, it is recommended that individuals limit the amount of wild game eaten.

For more information see page 107 of the document at http://www.health.gov.ab.ca/resources/publications/SwanHillsReportJune_04.pdf or contact Alberta Health and Wellness at 780-427-7164.



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(signature of hunter) (signature of person transporting the wildlife)

MESSAGE from the PUBLISHER

Rob Miskosky

My first memories of hunting are with my younger brother Dale and my dad chasing pheasants through the high grass fields that surrounded our home in the Okanagan. Although dad won't admit it today—at least not completely— my brother and I were his hunting dogs. We would stay slightly ahead of him, spread apart, pushing our way through the tall grass. When we managed to flush a pheasant, which seemed to be often enough back then, we would hit the deck and then dad would unload on the fleeing bird. While this may not have been the safest or preferred way to hunt pheasants, I can still vividly recall how much fun my brother and I had hunting with dad. Later, grouse became the target and then gradually, as we got older, we were allowed to accompany dad deer and moose hunting.

Today my 10-year-old son Dakota reminds me of how my brother and I were. His excitement is unmatched when it comes to hunting and fishing. He can't wait until he's twelve when he will finally be allowed to carry my crossbow on forays for deer. In fact, he already talks about the monster whitetail buck he's going to harvest that will give him family bragging rights.

Hunting creates an excitement that few other activities can match, no matter how old the hunter is. So with this in mind, this hunting season remember to show respect for landowners and others when you are afield. This respect will only help to fuel the memories that hunters take home each year from their hunting adventures.

Congratulations go out to three very successful Alberta hunters.

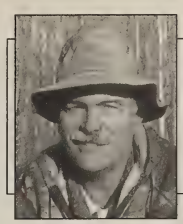
Eugene Kurinka of Lethbridge is our Alberta Hunter of the Year after he took a huge white-tailed deer that scored 200 1/8. This buck is a 7X7 that was taken in WMU 350. This buck shows the potential Alberta has for a new world's record.

Brady McLachlan of Calgary is our Mule Deer Champion for 2005 after he harvested a fine mule deer buck the scored 187 5/8. Brady's buck came from WMU 305 in southern Alberta.

And last but not least congratulations to Peter Litwinow of Calgary who managed a great elk from WMU 728, Camp Wainwright. Peter's elk scored 363 6/8 and has some very unique characteristics. You can see the trophies of all three hunters on page 80.

I wish you all a safe and successful 2006 hunting season.

The Scouting Trip



by Don Meredith

We all know we should do it, but we often feel we don't have the time. However, a preliminary scouting trip to the area you intend to hunt for big game this fall is probably one of the best ways to ensure success. If you don't take a scouting trip prior to the season, then you spend the first few hours or even days of your hunting trip becoming familiar with the area, even if you have been there before. Animal habits and habitats change from one year to the next. Of course, they also change from one season to another, so it is best to schedule a scouting trip as close to the start of the season as possible.

Scouting need not be the only thing you do on such trips. I have often included grouse hunting on my scouting trips when the birds were in season. Scouting trips can also be made with family or other people that might not normally go with you on a hunting trip. They are excellent ways to introduce non-hunters to some of the aspects of hunting.

To be a true scouting trip, you must accomplish certain tasks that will help you plan and execute your hunt. They include the following:

Access is one of the most important things you need to determine. Just how do you get into the area you want to hunt? What highways, secondary roads, forestry roads and trails do you need to find? What are their conditions?

Camping—if you are planning a multiple-day hunt based out of a camp, you need to find a place to put that camp. Like access, the location of your camp can be a very important element to the success of your hunt. Where are good camp sites? How close are they to the areas you want to hunt? Are the sites well drained in case of rain or snow, protected from the wind? Is there an area where you can hang your game? Do you need to bring water, firewood?

Location of Game Animals and Habitats—ultimately, you must find animals. However, on a scouting trip it is not 100 percent necessary.

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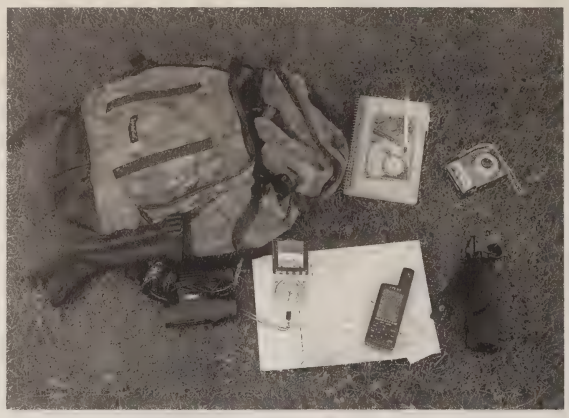
First, animals change habits with the season. For example, if your scouting trip is prior to the rut, and you plan to hunt the rut, chances are good that where you found animals on your scouting trip you will not find them during the rut. However, a scouting trip should determine that animals are indeed in the area and the habitats they are using. Although habits change, the game (depending on the species) will usually not move too far.

Know your tracks and other sign. These will often be your most important indications that the animals you seek are in the area. Obviously, you must get out of your vehicle and do some hiking. You can make a general reconnaissance from your vehicle, but you have to get on your feet to read tracks and sign and determine the habitats where the animals may be going to feed, to bed down, to get salt and other minerals, and the paths they travel.



The location of mineral licks is excellent information to have. Animals return to these places often, regardless of the season. Knowing where these are and the paths animals take to and from them is valuable information indeed.

Location of Possible Blinds or Tree Stands—once you know what areas the animals are frequenting, you can refine your scouting by pinpointing possible locations for blinds or stands. The final locations for these will be determined once the hunt itself has started. However, it is beneficial to have some areas in mind and pinpointed on a map or GPS unit.

Do Your Homework—obtain the maps and assemble the equipment you will need to get the job done. The following is a list of some of the items you should carry with you on a scouting trip:

- A copy of the current summary of hunting regulations.
- Road, access, topographic, municipal maps or aerial photographs
- Compass—good quality—know how to use it with a map
- Global Positioning System (GPS) unit (optional)—know how to use it, especially in conjunction with the maps and compass
- Notebook—to record GPS landmarks or way stations, and your observations and plans
- Bear Spray—even if you are carrying a gun, bear spray is more effective—know how to use it!

Other items you carry on a hike, including water bottle, weather gear, first-aide kit, survival kit, lunch, camera etc.

Now, take out those maps and study the areas that might have potential. Are they crown or private land? If private, you are going to need permission to be on the land. Preparing your scouting trip is an excellent time to make the telephone calls and appointments. Landowners appreciate hunters who plan ahead. Many are not impressed with hunters who suddenly appear to ask permission to hunt the same day. Check for landowner names on your municipal maps, and don't forget the Sustainable Resource Development website to look up holders of grazing leases, etc. (www.srd.gov.ab.ca/land/recaccess/contact/).

Where are the roads and trails that you need to investigate? Mark them on the map, and if you are using a GPS unit, make note of the UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) coordinates—or if you prefer, the longitude and latitude—of specific locations. This will aid you in finding the locations on your trip.

Now you are ready to make the trip. Maps will tell you a lot, but nothing beats ground truthing an area to confirm what is shown on the map or aerial photograph. The conditions of roads, trails, access points, stream crossings, etc. can only be determined on the ground.

Once you have investigated how to get into the area from your vehicle, get out of that vehicle and walk the trails and cutlines. Check places where animals are most likely to leave tracks, such as in sand or mud along stream crossings. Follow well used game trails to confirm where animals are feeding, bedding down or just traveling. Make note of directions traveled and the prevailing wind. If you find a spot that would be a good location for a blind or tree stand, mark it down, and note how you might get to it under different wind directions.

Taking notes may seem a tedious task to some. However, I find the physical act of writing down my observations seems to encourage my brain to better remember that information. I may or may not refer to my notes while hunting, but because I wrote those notes, my mind recalls the information without too much prompting.

If your scouting trip is a success, you will find your hunting trip to go much more smoothly because you have a better idea of what to expect. It is time well spent. ■

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by T.J. Schwanky

Rattle Up A Buck!

Of all Alberta's big game animals, none captures the imagination more than that of the white-tailed deer. I don't know of a single hunter in my group of peers that hasn't dreamed of one day shooting a big, trophy buck. And, Alberta is a pretty darned good place to live if you are bent on fulfilling that dream. While the methods of hunting trophy bucks are as varied as the terrain they inhabit in this province, for my money, rattling and calling are two of the most effective methods there are for scoring on a big whitetail.

There is an old real-estate adage that says "location, location, location is the key to selling a house", and in my opinion, the same goes for rattling and calling deer. You can have the best technique in the world but unless you get yourself set up properly in a high-percentage area, you will never be successful. Thankfully, deer leave a number of signs behind as to where they like to call home and, with the use of a little technology, we can even get a bird's eye view of the deer we are hunting.

I won't even consider rattling in an area unless there is a proliferation of rubs and scrapes. These are a buck's calling signs that he's in the area and that he is traveling through it with regularity. You need to realize that rattling is a low enough percentage method, so you need to maximize your odds by being close to big bucks. Alberta has relatively high buck to doe ratios so the competition between breeding bucks isn't overly high. Often, they would rather move on to the next hot doe rather than fight a buck for one he has. Conversely, in states like Texas where rattling is extremely popular, buck to doe ratios are very low and there is a lot of competition between breeding bucks for each and every hot doe. Certainly rattling is far more effective when competition is high but it is still a technique that accounts for many trophy Alberta bucks each year.

Once I've located some active scrape and rub lines, it's time to break out the high-tech gadgets. For my money, the trail camera is worth its weight in gold for the serious trophy hunter. These cameras are triggered by motion and remotely take pictures of game that passes in front of them. By placing three or four of these out on active scrape and rub lines, I can further narrow my search for a big buck by actually getting pictures of him. Nothing gets the blood flowing like downloading the pictures off your trail camera and seeing that mossy-horned old buck of your dreams.

Timing is critical too for rattling deer. I like to rattle from late October to the first week of November and then again during the last week of November and into early December in WMUs where the season runs that long. These are the times when there will be the least number of receptive does, so competition between the breeding bucks will be highest. Many hunters figure that the best time to rattle is during the height of the rut but that is the time when there are the most receptive does and competition is low between bucks. It is during the shoulder times of the rut that Alberta deer hunters can expect the most success rattling.

Once you've zeroed in on an area that has a buck you are looking for, then it's time to select the perfect place to rattle and call from. One of the best tricks that I've learned is to find the nearest major source of feed and then follow

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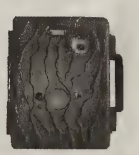

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the most major trail leading to it back into the woods. Once the trail starts to bifurcate into many smaller trails, start looking for a place to set up. I like to rattle close to the sanctuary of the bedding area but not right in the heart of it. This spot where the major trail peters out is usually the edge of the bedding area.

To me, the perfect rattling location is one that thwarts a downwind approach by the deer. A buck, especially a big one, will invariably try to approach from downwind when coming to a rattle. What I like to do is set up so I have an opening below me that allows plenty of visibility should the buck choose that route. And, if he decides to skirt the opening in favour of heavier cover, he will not detect my scent. If a suitable opening is not present, positioning yourself with a slough or creek or some other type of obstacle downwind of you is another means of preventing a downwind approach. You can get away with quite a bit when rattling for deer but if they get your scent, it's game over.

The actual rattling process is pretty simple. It's the set up that will ultimately determine success or failure. I prefer rattling with natural antlers that are fairly fresh. They get a little dry sounding after a few years of use. I like to settle into my selected location for 20 or 30 minutes before beginning the rattling process. I start by bringing the antlers together with a sharp clash. Then, rather than actually rattling the antlers, you twist your wrists with the antlers pushed firmly together, imitating two bucks pushing against each other while twisting their heads. I keep the first sequence to 30 seconds and I keep the volume low in case a deer in nearby. The trick is to twist the antlers sporadically and not get into an unnatural sounding rhythm. After 30 seconds, pull the antlers apart rapidly, allowing the tines to scrape across each other. Follow this by banging the antler butts on the ground to imitate a deer stomping its feet.

Always pick your rifle or bow up immediately after rattling and be ready. Bucks will often sneak in quickly and quietly. Having to move to pick up your rifle is a sure way to spook them. After a couple minutes have passed, I like to do a series of three grunts with a grunt tube. After waiting about 30 minutes, I'll repeat the sequence, rattling a little longer and louder this time. I'll continue doing this every 30 minutes for at least two hours before moving on to a new location. I have literally rattled in bucks at every hour of the day but, as with most techniques, it seems to work best during the shoulder hours when the deer are most active.

While rattling will not produce a buck every time you try it, by setting up properly in prime country, your odds of bringing a big buck in are pretty good. The more I perfect the craft, the more deer I rattle in each season. I doubt I'll ever enjoy the success that hunters in states like Texas do rattling but hey, if I can rattle in one deer a year, that's all I really need if it's the right deer. ■

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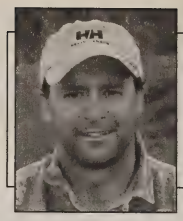

by Kevin Wilson

If you're a newbie, welcome to the wonderful world of bowhunting! It's a place where, if done correctly, you will experience wildlife and the hunt in a whole new light. You'll be afforded extended seasons, up-close-and-personal encounters, you'll get the rush of your lifetime, and most importantly, you'll gain a newfound respect for game.

I've been bowhunting for almost two decades now and I remember my first outing as though it were yesterday. Today I've become a competent archer and bowhunter, but it wasn't always that way. Looking back, I can't believe some of the foolish errors I made. Following are a few hints to help you avoid those same mistakes.

Misjudging Distance

You may be the best shooter on the planet, but if you can't judge distances accurately, you're apt to fail miserably as a bowhunter. Beyond practice, no bowhunter today has an excuse to be without a laser rangefinder. Particularly helpful in the field, these are among the handiest tools available.

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Overconfidence

Too many bowhunters enter the woods ill-prepared. Practice both in the off-season and throughout hunting season is imperative. Confidence in your shooting ability is important, but overconfidence can be dangerous. Understanding limitations and your ability to work within them will move you toward proficiency.

Gaining an awareness of your technical skill, physical fitness and mental concentration will improve focus in the field. Knowing your effective shooting range is perhaps the most important step you can take toward becoming a skilled bowhunter. Likewise it's important to learn how long you can sit on stand under variable weather conditions before your ability to draw, aim and release with accuracy is distorted.

Poor Shot Placement

Learning to recognize a shot opportunity goes hand in hand with arrow placement. This involves not only knowing when to draw your bow but also when to release. After that, putting the arrow where it counts is the finishing touch. Remember you've got an ethical obligation to understand the kill zone of game you're after. Deer for instance are anatomically straightforward at a broadside view. Put them quartering away, facing head on, straight away, or even lying down and things change. A double-lung shot will result in a quick kill. Hemorrhaging alternative organs such as the liver, major arteries, or even debilitating shots impacting the spine can bring down game, but these are not recommended target areas.

As a new bowhunter, know that there is a world of difference between launching an arrow at a static target as opposed to moving game just as there is a difference between shooting field tips versus broadheads. As you practice ensure that your field tips are shooting well at 10, 20, 30, and 40 metres. The biggest mistake made by novice bowhunters is immediately switching to broadheads without sighting in. Experienced archers typically begin shooting with broadheads at least several weeks prior to the hunting season opener. Note that broadheads will almost always shoot differently than field tips. In turn your site pins will generally require some adjustment.

Dysfunctional Equipment

Nothing deteriorates self-confidence more than finding your bow is out of whack when you're in the field. Confidence in your equipment is absolutely critical to success in bowhunting!

Inspect your gear prior to every trip to minimize problems in the field. New single cam bows help out considerably eliminating most tuning problems experienced with conventional two cam bows. To ensure consistent shooting, bowhunters should confirm center shot is true, double check all screws and limb bolts, wax bow strings, check sight pins and sharpen broadheads regularly.

Pressuring an Area

By hunting the same location day after day, you're asking for trouble. Establish several stand locations or areas to still hunt or spot and stalk. When it comes to deer for instance, each time you set foot on a buck's home range, he knows it. Remember you're leaving scent everywhere. Even the most 'scent free' cover up and 'cleanest' camouflage is still drenched in human odour. Try to establish a rotation, e.g. hunting a property no more than a couple times a week.

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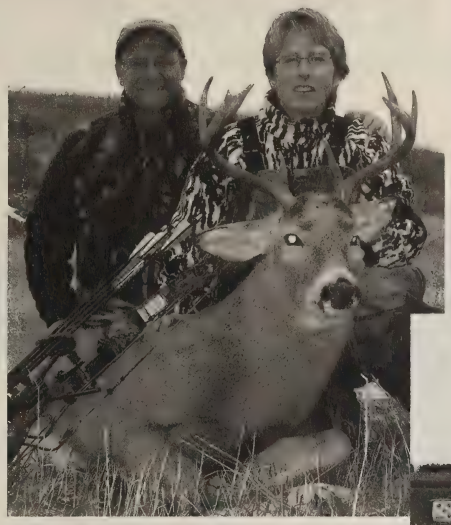
Wrong Place at the Wrong Time

Sitting stands at the wrong time is futile. earn to recognize a good morning stand versus good evening stand. Likewise learn when pre-it, peak-rut and post-it phases occur for ach game animal. owhunters in articular can apitalize on calling to atice game into bow inge. Many hours an be wasted hunting eat locations at the rong time. While atience is a virtue, neventful hunts are ot my first choice for vesting hard-earned nting time!



Moving Too Fast

Too many owhunters practically m to their stands. his presents a ompromise. Your goal should be to ghost in nd out of your stand site with as little impact s possible. The same applies to still hunting nd the spot and stalk approach. In most stances you'll see and take home more game y moving slowly than by racing to cover the ost ground possible.

Likewise, after releasing an arrow, take it ow. As a rule, wait at least 30 minutes before acking. Begin at the point of impact, mark the rst blood and slowly follow the trail. With a ood double lung hit, most animals will ollapse within 40 metres. Remember no two nimals will expire the same way. I've had oose fall over on the spot, and I've seen deer n several hundred metres. With bowhunting, nything can happen.

Misinterpreting Movement

Most bowhunters use tree stands, but some prefer ground blinds or even the spot and stalk approach. Some folks like their stands high, others prefer them low. As a rule, I like to consider proximity to the trail I'm watching, the backdrop, and visibility relative to surrounding cover before anticipating how high to mount a stand.

Typically, I don't like to go any higher than seven meters and no lower than five. This range allows sufficient freedom just out of the deer's line of sight and reduces shooting angle. Whenever possible, place your stand in spruce trees with lots of surrounding foliage. Positioning the stand to allow maximum trail coverage is just as important as trimming intrusive limbs and interfering branches.

Poor Camouflage

Camo patterns poorly matched to the surroundings can cause a bowhunter to stick out like a sore thumb. Prior to any outing, give some thought to the type of cover, time of year, and whether or not you're on the ground, in a treestand, walking or stationary. Suitably matched patterns can fool even the most astute buck. Whenever possible, cover your hands and face. Some bowhunters like to use camo make-up. I prefer gloves and a spandex headnet that can be easily removed.

Overexposure

Deer in particular can pick up movement with amazing precision. Remember, you're an uninvited guest in their home. Keep an arrow knocked at all times while on stand or in a blind. Sudden appearances can keep you from shifting position. By doing everything possible to prepare for the shot prior to your close encounter, movement is minimized when game shows itself. The same holds true for scanning surroundings throughout your vigil. When looking around, move with caution and look carefully.

Scent-control is equally important. By failing to manage human odours, many bowhunters handicap themselves from the outset. I've watched many guys smoking on stand and leaving all kinds of foreign scents in the area. In turn, they wonder why they're not seeing game. ■

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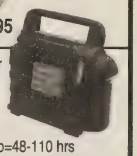

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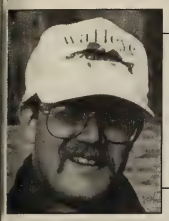

by Brad Fenson

It was mid afternoon and when I walked to the edge of the river valley I didn't know what to expect as I pulled the cow elk call from my pocket and gave a few inquisitive chirps. I heard nothing. The sun was ıining and with the warm weather I didn't expect much. A second series f cow calls brought the roaring bugle of a bull elk, less than 500 meters own the steep valley. It was a pleasant surprise.

Astonished and excited I grabbed my bow and arrows, fastened my ınny pack around my waist and ran down a well defined game trail ading to the bottom of the valley. I crossed the shallow waterway and hirped on the cow call once again. The bull bugled immediately from lose range. I quickly found a spot to set up an ambush and knocked an rrow before calling one more time. The bull came down the game trail as on a string leading him to my cow call. I saw tan moving in the trees nd within seconds I could make out five even points protruding off each ntler. I got ready to draw as the bull closed the distance to a mere 18 ıeters. My heart was pounding so hard I thought for sure the bull would e able to hear it. A big spruce tree was all that separated us. I was too close to try calling again and the bull stuck his long neck out from behind the spruce and glanced up and down the creek. He knew the cow should be close and refused to budge the last step required to provide me with a good shot.

The standoff lasted for about 30 econds, then the bull turned around and headed back up the trail he had ome in on. It was a close call and the opportunity was created by trying ıy cow call even though the time and elements were not in my favour.

I always carry my elk calls when in wapiti country. I have learned over the years that elk are very vocal creatures and using my call has created close encounters when most hunters were snoozing in camp or had left their calls at home, thinking that they wouldn't be effective.

I hunted that valley for five days and called in four different bulls without getting a shot with my bow. When the rifle season opened I returned to the area and shot a nice 6 X 6 bull at just eight meters. I used my cow call effectively and was answered by cows in the bull's harem. The lead cow brought the herd right to me and as they filed past me I patiently waited for the bull that was following his ladies. It was prime time, during the rut, and I expected my calls to work.

However, I have used my calls during the entire season with great results. Hunting in August, with the early archery season, my son and I were walking a pipeline and spotted a young bull feeding on the lush vegetation of the open line. We cut the distance and I gave a few chirps on my hand held cow call. The bull snapped to attention and stared in our direction. A second cow call sent the bull into a tizzy of excitement. The bull never did answer but came running full speed in our direction. He acted like a teenager on his first date, running sideways, kicking and bucking his back legs as he ran towards the lonely calls of some single ladies. I ended up running an arrow through the bull at 30 yards and he just stood there looking for the source of the calls he had heard. When the bull fell over in plain view my son and I both bubbled with excitement. The August experience proved to me that it is never to early to try your call.

On the other end of the season, my son and I were chasing cow elk on the last week of the season in late December. The rut was definitely over but I know from spending time in the woods that elk communicate with each other all year long, especially the cows. We saw several herds of antlerless elk but never got close enough for a shot. The last day of the season we were running out of options when we found some fresh tracks in the newly fallen snow. We got on the tracks and followed them through the dense forest. There were five or six animals running together and they took a winding path that kept them out of sight. When the tracks started to head up a ridge I figured the animals would be bedded close. Higher terrain provides a better view and thermals would pull the scent of predators, or hunters, to the preferred bedding area.

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We stayed on the tracks as they headed into a thick tangle of alder. The trail took a quick turn to the right and as I stopped to signal that the animals should be close, as they often double back to watch their trail, we heard the crashing of trees and saw tan bodies scattering in the trees just 30 meters away. We quickly moved to the first bed we could find and started cow calling. We could hear animals walking in the dry snow but couldn't see far due to the dense brush. We didn't move and after a minute of staring into the branches, calling occasionally, I could make out the figure of an elk staring in our direction from about 50 meters away. I whispered to my son to take a step to his right so that I could point the cow out to him. One step provided a clear view of the animal. I don't know how long it had been looking at us or how it snuck back without us seeing some type of movement but our cow calls gave the animal confidence that it was safe to return to the bedding area.

My son collected his first elk on that trip and we can credit it to fresh tracks and the quick use of a cow call to bring the elk back to us.

I carry a cow call that you simply squeeze to produce the distinct chirping sound of a real elk. I carry it in my upper jacket pocket and can utilize its unique and simple design without having to dig it out. Simply grab the call through the jacket and squeeze.

The new calls on the market are incredibly easy to use. The trick is making sure that you pack them for any outing where you have an elk tag in your pocket and the season is open. I have called elk in five different months that span our hunting season and have been successful using those calls to bring in animals throughout the entire length of all seasons. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Take that call and don't be afraid to use it. The best way to master any call is to use it and mimic the responses that you get. I've come to count on my calls to fill elk tags on a regular basis. ■

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The Fun Ends After The Shot!

by Duane Radford

"The fun ends after the shot!" is a universal joke among hunters. That's when the job of field dressing a big game animal starts, and subsequently getting it back to your vehicle for the trip home or to a butcher shop for processing. This saying is always in the back of my mind whenever I go hunting. It's also something I think about before I even consider a stalk, or pulling the trigger.

I've had too many bad experiences which have made me wary about shooting big game in a bad spot, especially during warm weather. Probably one of the most extreme cases occurred when I shot a cow elk in WMU 300 north of Waterton Lakes National Park on September 6, 1988 during the eruption of Mount St. Helens when volcanic ash blanketed much of southern Alberta. In addition to the ash and extremely warm weather (25C +), my brother Jim and I had to contend with literally thousands of yellow-jacket wasps while we field dressed and quartered the elk. Miraculously, I was only stung once!

Shooting an animal is not always the toughest part of hunting; getting it out (especially) in one piece, however, often is. You might be able to drag it out yourself or haul it out using a horse. You could also use a snowmobile, quad or a trail bike to drag it out whole. It's almost impossible to drag an elk or moose, however, on dry ground any great distance without ruining the meat, even for two (or more) strong men. If you can't get it out in one piece you're faced with several options: a pack job taking it out one quarter (or half) at a time (on your back, or dragging it on a sled, for example) or de-boning it and packing it out in game bags.

During my younger days I got into some tough situations where I wished I'd passed up taking an animal, or suffered regrets that a hunting partner had pulled the trigger because I wasn't properly prepared for the task at hand. I'd like to share my experiences on how I currently handle these challenges, and what a hunter should do in similar situations.

One of the first things I do each day before I start hunting is evaluate my standards, which change depending on how the hunt is going and how things are shaping up. That way, I don't have to second guess myself if an opportunity arises to take an animal because I've already made up my mind. I rarely think twice about taking a shot at a big game animal when it's in a place that isn't difficult to get out of. I've found through experience that such chances are few and far between. If weather conditions are ideal, go for it because there's nothing worse than having to haul an animal out when the weather turns bad. Depending on the time of the season and the abundance of game, you may want to hedge your bets and take an animal early if the chance presents itself. I've dressed big game when temperatures were -25C with over two feet of snow on the ground and I speak from experience! Warm weather isn't the only problem…

The best time to shoot a big game animal is in the early morning. You'll have all day to field dress the animal and get it back to camp or the trailhead. I'm always leery about shooting big game in the late afternoon or evening: if you wound an animal it can be very difficult to track it in poor light; secondly, it's much harder to field dress an animal, quarter it, or get it out in the dark. It is not a good idea to leave a downed animal in the field overnight. On the prairies, coyotes will almost certainly find it and you may find only a grease spot where it lay the next morning. If bears are present, there's always a danger one will claim the animal, particularly if there is any amount of wind to carry the scent.

Here's what I always put in my day pack to field dress an animal:

- a sharp knife, which has both skinning/hide cutter blades to make surgical cuts in the hide and abdomen, and sharpening stone.
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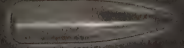

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If you shoot a moose or an elk and you have to return to the trailhead for a pack board, game carrier or ATV to haul it out, and you will be gone for several hours, be sure to cut through the hide in the neck right down to the spine to cool the meat—the hide in this area on an elk or moose is so thick it will retain heat overnight even when snow is on the ground and the meat will spoil.

There's no universal rule about skinning big game animals after they've been field dressed because of all of the variables hunters must contend with in Alberta: temperatures can range from +30C to -30C. However, it has been my experience that skinning a big game animal speeds the cooling process which prevents meat spoilage, so I take the hide off as soon as possible. This is particularly important on antelope hunts when warm weather is common because pronghorns have hollow hair which is a great insulator; bighorn sheep, in particular, also have very well-insulated hides. I use a portable Quick Winch made in Alberta that fits into the trailer hitch on my truck to skin animals in the field. It's a great tool for field dressing big game animals and has changed my perspective on hunting big game long distances from home. It enables hunters to easily and efficiently skin out big game animals after being downed.

Next, I cover the carcass with a meat sock; after it has cooled I put it in a plastic Jet Sled in the back of my truck for the trip home. Carry some water in a plastic container to clean the carcass and wash your hands of blood—allow some room for expansion if temperatures are below zero.

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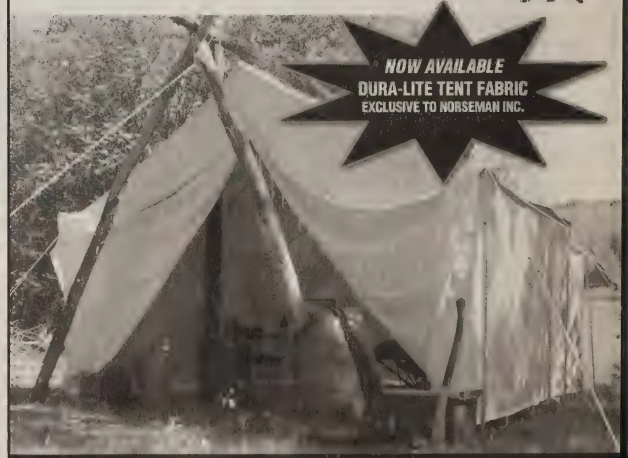

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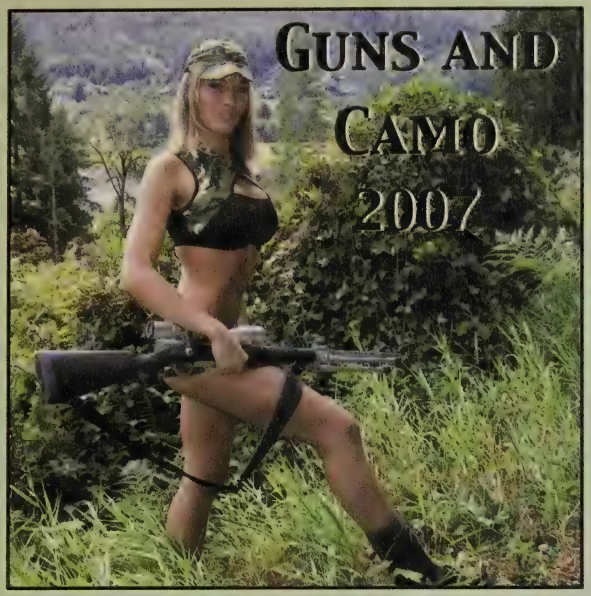

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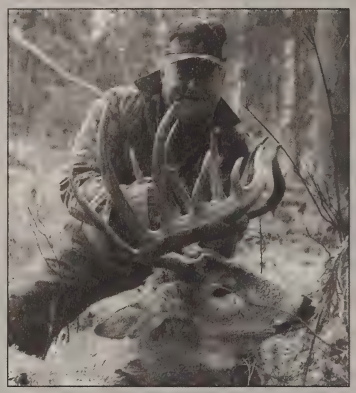

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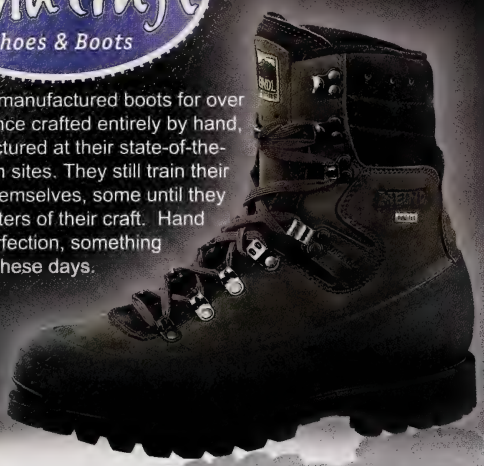

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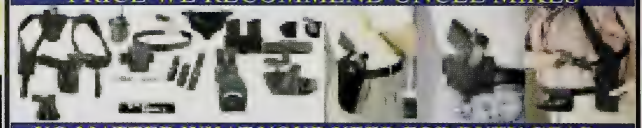

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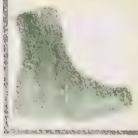

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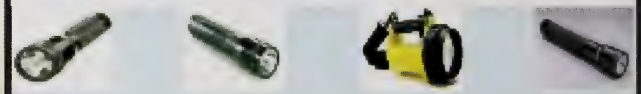

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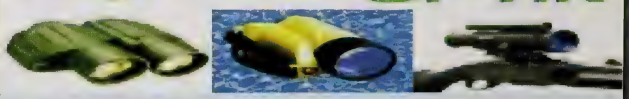

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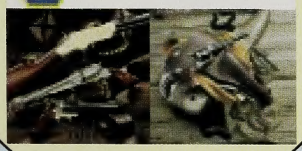

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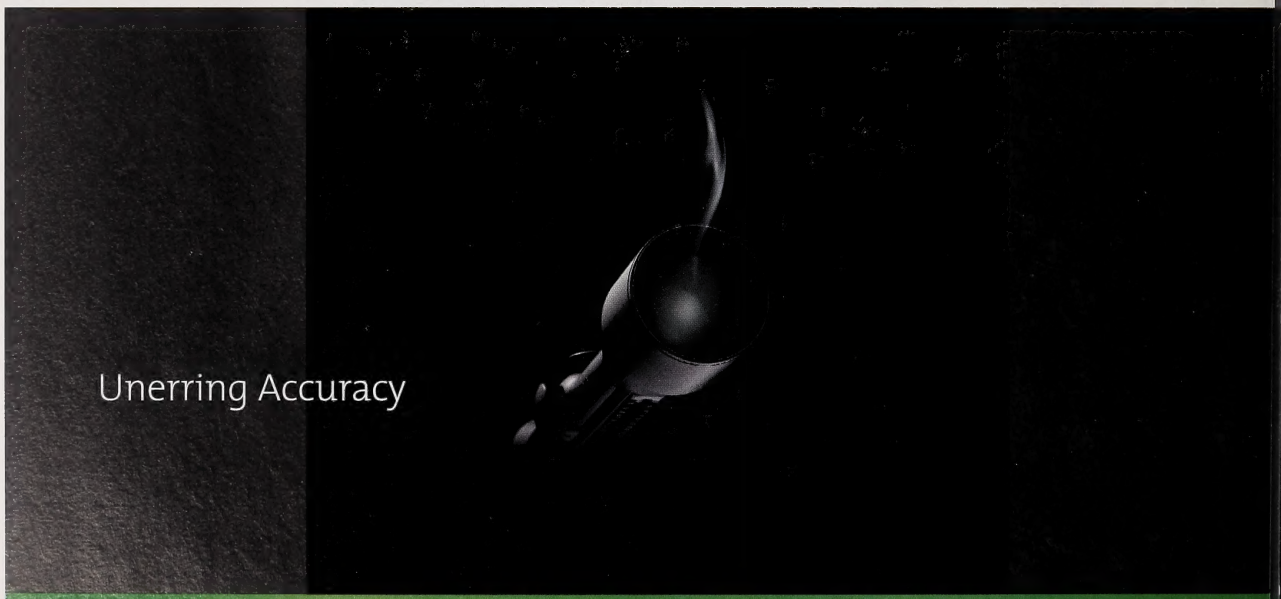

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